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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ITALY ON VERGE OF WAR.

BREAKS OFF CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

The Battle of Neuve Chapelle.

A TERRIBLE STORY OF GRIM SLAUGHTER.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Italy, Austria and Germany: Conversations Broken off.

April 19, 1.5 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, telegrams from Rome confirm that Italy has broken off conversations with Austria and Germany.

The Austrian Ambassador has not appeared for the last forty days; he is living absolutely alone in Rome, his family and staff having left for Vienna.

Greece and Serbia Renew Agreements.

April 19, 1.5 p.m.
It is stated that Greece and Serbia have renewed agreements for mutual defence against any aggression on the part of Roumania.

Italy Refuses Foodstuffs for Austria.

April 19, 1.5 p.m.
Italy has refused Austria's request that foodstuffs, destined for civilians in Austria Hungary, be allowed to pass through their territories. Seven waggon loads of iron, copper, antimony and sulphate, consigned to Germany, have been seized at Como.

A Terrible Battle Story.

April 19, 12.50 p.m.
The Times, in their description of the battle of Neuve Chapelle, detailing the work of the various regiments, says that the Lincoln and Berkshires were first off the mark, being ordered to capture the first trenches. The First Rifle Brigade were the first to enter Neuve Chapelle and met the Gurkhas on the outskirts, not far from where they were fraternising with the Garhwals. The Scottish Rifles and Middlesex were subjected to a terrible ordeal of barbed wire. When the Garhwals left the trenches, they were met with a fearful blast of fire, and all the officers leading their companies were killed. The battalion, losing their direction, swung to the right and captured, after fierce fighting with the bayonet and knife, the section of a trench. The Leicesters, who had gone through with a rush, came to the help of the Garhwals, throwing grenades and crowded the German trenches, driving the Germans into the open where they were shot, bayoneted and knifed.

The Seaforth and the Third London Territorials executed a flank attack, charging splendidly, and filled the gap in the attacking line. Only 150 of the Scottish Rifles survived the slaughter at the barbed wire, where they were mowed down by machine gun and rifle fire as they tore at it with their hands in their effort to get through. The Middlesex, their right being brought up to the wire, lay concealed in a fold of ground, thus escaping the artillery fire. Twice the Middlesex tried to rush the machine guns which were barking death as they reached the wire, leaving a lane of dead and dying 120 yards long. The men afterwards broke down and wept at the sight.

The survivors were forced to lie in the open till the artillery formed in and re-opened and destroyed the wire, thus enabling the Middlesex to reach their objective—an orchard, to the north-west of the village, where it was found the Germans were already in occupation. The Worcesters, East Lancs, Sherwoods and North Hants followed up the attack. The Worcesters, attacking the last German stronghold, an orchard north of Neuve Chapelle, chased the Germans across a muddy field like rats, pursuing them round trees with the bayonet.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

The German counter-attack at dawn next morning was a ghastly business. The Bavarians advanced in column and along the route a mounted officer amidst the non-commissioned officers was seen driving them with a whip like cattle. The Bavarians met the fire from twenty-one machine guns and melted away, one moment a shouting crowd and the next a writhing convulsed pile of bodies. Subsequently the Scots Guards, Grenadiers, Borderers and Gordons assailed Aubers Ridge, using grenades and bayonets.

Germany's Reply to Holland.

April 19, 8.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that in reply to the Dutch protest Germany says it was not their intention to attack the Dutch vessels, but it was possible, owing to an unfortunate accident, that the Katwijk was torpedoed by a German submarine. If it was proved by enquiry, which would be instituted by Germany, that it was so, they would not hesitate to apologise and offer full compensation.

Probably no Football Next Season.

April 19, 8.25 p.m.
It is officially announced that there will be no Cup-tie or League football next season unless the war is ended.

British Win More German Trenches.

April 19, 5.15 p.m.
A Paris communique states:—The British carried two hundred metres of German trenches in Belgium, near Zvartelen, and maintained and consolidated the ground won, despite counter-attacks.

We made an appreciable advance in Alsace, along both banks of the Reicht, and occupied the crest of Bargkorpfe, south-westward of Schillekerwasser, directly dominating the valley. We also made noteworthy progress to the south of the bank from the Schnepfenriet district, and occupied a notable series of commanding heights.

We captured a section of mounted artillery and two quick-firers.

How Mr. Gladstone Died.

April 19, 12.50 p.m.
A Reuter's message says that the Welsh Fusiliers went into the trenches on the 10th instant, and Mr. Gladstone, (who was serving as 2nd Lieut.) on the following Tuesday, was standing on the parapet endeavouring to locate a sniper, when he was shot in the forehead.

English Aviator Active.

April 19, 12.50 p.m.
An English aviator bombed the station at Haltingen, destroying a hundred yards of railway. He then flew up the Rhine in the direction of Mulhausen, escaping the fire from the forts.

The Turkish Torpedo Boat's Story.

April 19, 12.50 p.m.
The Times correspondent at Chios says that the stranded Turkish torpedo boat is the Dewirkapu and had seven Germans aboard, all officers of the Goeben. They told the Governor that the torpedo boat escaped from the Dardanelles about a month ago, and, lurking during the day time around Asiatic islets, escaped the patrols. They waited their opportunity to attack a troopship and assert that they torpedoed and damaged a French transport two days ago, and were chased for two days.

French Reports.

(Havas Telegram.)

April 17.

Yesterday, at Notre Dame de Lorette and Eparges, all counter-attacks were repulsed.

In Montmarie wood was exploded a powder magazine.

Aviators dropped bombs on Leopoldshöhe railway station and also on a shell manufactory. Ten shells put the Rottweil gunpowder magazine ablaze, and 40 hit the electric light and power works at Metz. To-day there is nothing to report.

Petrograd.—In the Carpathians, we conquered summits between Telepoca and Zuebla. In the Black Sea, torpedo-boats destroyed sailing ships and four steamers. The booty of Przemyel fortress gave to the Russians 1,010 guns and enormous quantities of ammunition. A French battleship supporting aircraft bombed El Arish where Turkish troops were concentrated. A Mytilene message says two cruisers entered the Saros Gulf, destroying a Turkish encampment. On the 16th inst. the Russian fleet bombarded Karabursun and interior lines at Tchatsaldja.

Copenhagen.—A Parseval dirigible was wrecked accidentally.

April 18.

We repulsed all attacks delivered against Orbe (Alsace), inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy. Belgian aircraft shot down a Taube.

Yesterday, in the Aisne sector, our artillery caused Grotto Pasly, where Germans were sheltered, to collapse.

In the Vosges, we made progress, conquering Sillakerwasser spur, we also carried Schepperrithkopf summits.

A British cruiser sank a Turkish torpedo boat, which unsuccessfully attacked the British transport Manitoj; the crew and officers, including German staff, were taken prisoners at Chio Island.

In the Carpathians a lively and fierce struggle is taking place, the enemy's losses being fearful.

Madrid.—A conflagration destroyed the Comedia Theatre.

The battleship Majestic bombarded Gadatens forte (Saros Gulf).

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

WAR TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Dardanelles Bombardment Resumed.

April 19, 4.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent in Athens reports that the bombardment of the Dardanelles was resumed on Saturday. A Turkish aeroplane dropped bombs but missed the warships which were lying at Tenedos. The aeroplane was pursued by the seaplanes of the Allies, but escaped.

Italy and Austria.

April 19, 4.30 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent in Rome it is authoritatively announced that, notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to secure an agreement between Italy and Austria on the lines of territorial concessions, the negotiations have failed.

British Decoration for General Maunoury.

April 19, 4.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, on behalf of the King, has decorated General Maunoury, who was recently wounded while in the trenches, with the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Russian Progress in the Carpathians.

April 19, 3.20 p.m.
A Petrograd official communique states:—In the beginning of March (old style) the only portion of the principal chain of the Carpathians in possession of the Russians was in the region of the Dukla Passes. All the other passes were in the hands of the enemy. We decided before the season of melting snows and bad roads to extend our positions dominating the outlets into the Hungarian plain.

The great Austrian forces which had concentrated for the purpose of relieving Przemyel were then between Lupkoff and Uzsock passes. Our grand attack was therefore planned for this sector, but, to facilitate a frontal attack over difficult ground, it was decided to make an auxiliary attack in the direction of Bartfeld to Lupkoff. This began on the 19th and was completed on the 23rd, and the main attack began on the 28th March in the direction of Baligrod, enveloping the enemy positions to the west at Lupkoff and to the east at the source of the river San.

The enemy offered a most desperate resistance, bringing up every available man including German troops and numerous dismounted cavalry.

His effectives on the Bartfeld-Uzsock front exceeded three hundred battalions. Notwithstanding this and the great natural difficulties, we completed the task by the 5th April.

Subsequently, fighting in the Carpathians we concentrated in the direction of Rostok, where the enemy, notwithstanding enormous losses, delivered on April 16, with great forces, sixteen barren attacks on the heights we occupied to the east of Telepoteche.

Mr. Churchill's Denial.

April 19, 4.35 p.m.
Mr. Winston Churchill has made a statement to the Press denying rumours which were recently current. He says:—There has been no naval action of any kind in the North Sea during the last month or any action in the Dardanelles, except local bombardment and reconnaissances by single ships. Since March 16 there have been only two or three men hit in the Dardanelles operations and no loss or injury to the French or British ships.

TELEGRAMS.

DEATH OF BARON REUTER.

SUICIDE ALLEGED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

London, Received, April 19.

Reuter deeply regrets to announce that Baron Herbert de Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegram Co., was yesterday found lying dead at his residence near Reigate. A revolver, which had been discharged, was found.

There appears to be little doubt but that the Baron fell by his own hand, as he had been greatly overwrought by the sudden death of his wife, to whom he was warmly attached, and whose body still lies in the house awaiting interment.

Later.
The Baron's body was found in the summer house. There was a letter on the table addressed "To the spirit of my dear wife Edith."

Later.
The Baron and the Baroness will be buried together at Reigate on Thursday.

[Baron Auguste Julius Clemens Herbert de Reuter was born in March, 1852, and was the eldest son of the late Baron de Reuter. He was educated at Harrow, Oxford and Paris.]

Banishree's Theft.

A Chinese who was caught stealing a water tap from an unoccupied house at Wanohai, was found to have returned from banishment, and at the Police Court, this morning, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stock.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

Baron de Reuter has committed suicide.

Italy has broken off conversations with Austria and Germany.

Unless the war is ended, there will be no Cup-tie or League football next season.

Aboard a stranded Turkish torpedo-boat were seven German officers from the Goeben.

A thrilling story of the battle of Neuve Chapelle by the Times correspondent is given to-day.

The French have made appreciable progress in Alsace, having occupied important crests.

An English aviator has bombed the station at Haltingen and destroyed a hundred yards of railway.

Italy has refused Austria's request that foodstuffs destined for civilians be allowed to pass through.

The Austrian Ambassador in Rome has not been seen for forty days; he has been living alone, his family and staff having left for Vienna.

Germany says it is possible the Dutch ship Katwijk was, by an unfortunate mistake, torpedoed; if so, she will apologise and offer full compensation.

The late Mr. W. G. O. Gladstone's death at the front was caused by the fact that he was on a patrol endeavouring to locate a sniper when he was shot in the forehead.

NEWS.

Further Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

The Hongkong Schools' sports are reported to-day.

The Langkat output up to yesterday is given elsewhere.

Messrs. Snowman & Co.'s London freight advices are given to-day.

The results of the shoot for the "Donsal Bidge" Competition are given to-day.

General news and an article headed "New York outrage" appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9, and Log Book on page 6.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
"Diens of Dobson's" at the Theatre Royal.—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
"Under Two Flags" at the Theatre Royal.—9.15 p.m.
Thursday, April 22.
"A Member of Tattersalls" at the Theatre Royal.—9.15 p.m.
Friday, April 23.
Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.—annual general meeting—noon.
China Traders Insurance Co. Ltd.—12.15 p.m.
Saturday, April 24.
H.K. Jockey Club Half Yearly meeting—12.30 p.m.
Friday, April 30.
The China Borneo Co., Ltd. annual meeting of shareholders—noon.

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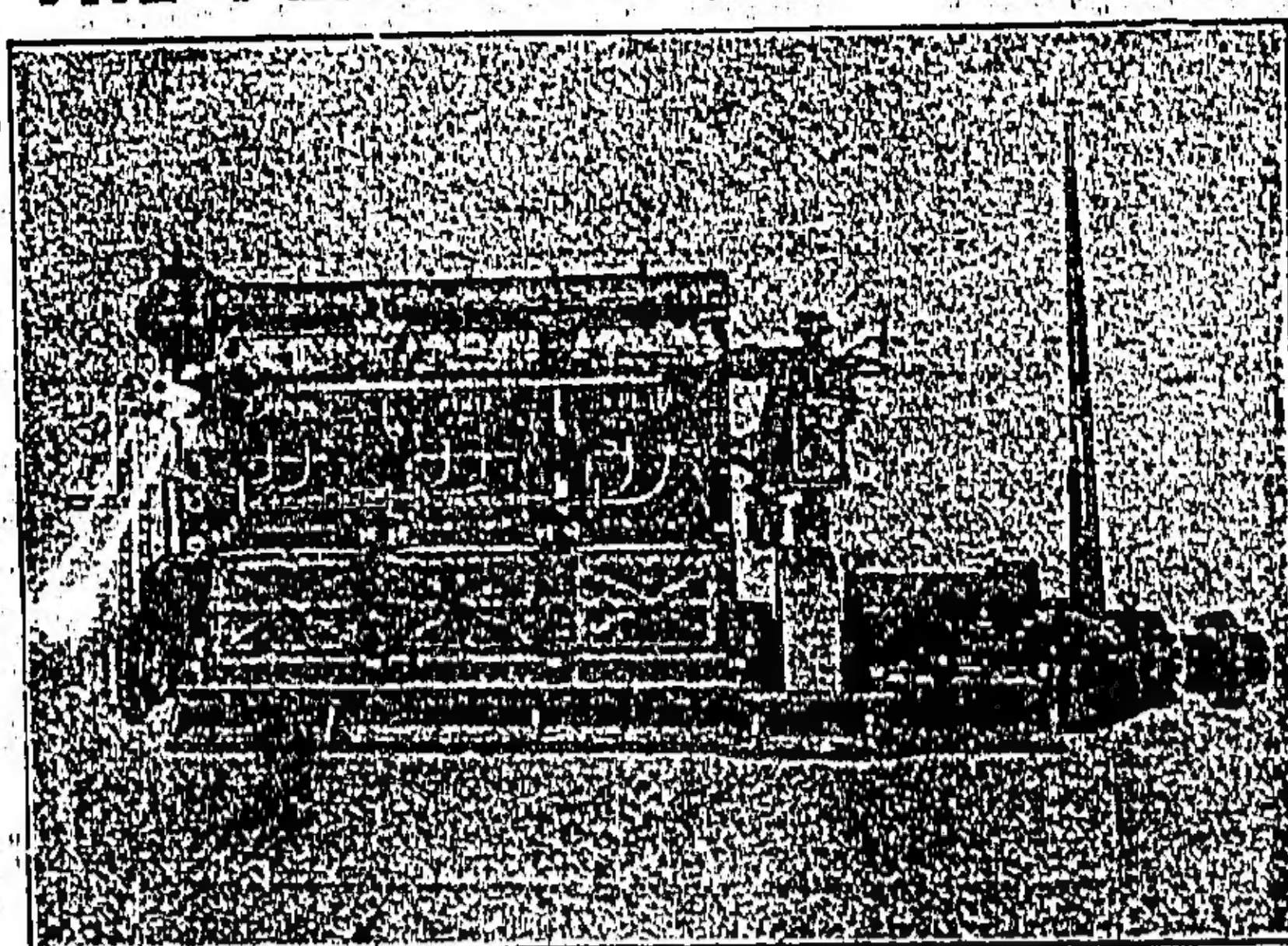
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

South China Morning Post.

German Madness.

Unable to find enough British merchantmen to keep her submarines occupied Germany continues to play ducks and drakes with the unsuspecting vessels of neutrals. Holland, the neutrality of which is so valuable to Germany at the present time, is being sorely tried by a succession of submarine raids and now there comes a report that a Greek vessel has also been torpedoed in the North Sea while proceeding from Ymuiden to Monte Video, a voyage which could in no way have any connection with the war. It really looks as if Germany is deliberately seeking more trouble but with what object in view is difficult to surmise. Neither Holland nor Greece is in any mood to stand much nonsense and the dignity of both nations will demand reparation for these totally unwarranted outrages. Sweden and Norway have been content to lodge the usual protests when vessels flying their flags were similarly torpedoed, acting on the principle no doubt that live coal is apt to hurt when handled.

Daily News.

A German Condition of Peace.

For the Bathman-Bollwogs of our time to profess that this was a principle of British policy of which the world had never heard until Sir Edward Grey proclaimed it last August is to assume an ignorance which is in certain never existed in the German chancellery, and it is, indeed, but a mere plea to cover an act of brigandage which the German War Lords calculated that the British and French military power combined was too feeble to prevent. Their design, partially succeeded, because neither France nor Great Britain had regarded the German Government as so utterly dead to all sense of national honour as to treat an international treaty without warning, as a "mere scrap of paper," and they were thus ill-prepared to meet the aggression. But the subtle history of the war has given Germany a different idea of the possible war strength of both Great Britain and France. The British Empire has placed in the field an army worthy of her place in the world, and the definite purpose of that army, in co-operation with the French and the Belgians, is to expel every hostile soldier from the soil of France and Belgium, and not until that purpose is accomplished can there be any thought of peace.

China Mail.

War's Effect on British Merchant Tonnage.

Of the steamers added, 888 vessels, making 1,317,454 tons are new ships, built in the United Kingdom, while another 14 ships, making 9,135 tons have been built abroad. The total reduction from the steam and sailing tonnage thus amounts to 1,154,642 tons. This figure is especially interesting, as it includes exactly 100 ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 218,595, which were sunk or captured as a result of the war during the first five months of the war. This trifling amount is rather less than 1.1 per cent of the total tonnage on the Register of the United Kingdom on December 31 last, and is considerably less than any authority would have prophesied before the war; it is one of the most striking reminders of the efficiency of the British Navy. The figure includes 92 steamers, of 197,883 tons, and 4 sailing ships, of 185 tons, sunk by German warships or mines, and 3 steamers, of 20,371 tons, and 1 sailing ship, of 176 tons, captured by the enemy.

Tobacco Legislation in the F.M.S.

The F.M.S. Government gives notice that legislation will shortly be introduced for the licensing of importers of tobacco, as well as dealers, in the F.M.S. The licence duties will probably be: To import, and sell wholesale or retail, \$98 per annum; to import and sell by retail \$38; to retail \$8.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Town Planning in India.
Professor Geddes' town planning exhibition is now displayed in Bombay. It was opened in the presence of a large gathering by the Governor of Bombay, Lord Willingdon, who said that the exhibition had arrived in Bombay at a very suitable time, for the Presidency was keenly alive to the necessity of town planning and the question of relieving congestion and the development of the suburban areas ought to come up. They wanted to go forward in the right way with regard to town planning in the future. Mistakes could not be avoided and had been made in Bombay and other cities in the past, but they wanted to make no more mistakes in the future. To-day it was the duty of everyone to see that people of all classes and creeds should have an opportunity of living in comfortable homes and surroundings, and it was the duty of the Government to achieve that purpose by administration and legislation. — *Exchange.*

Lieut. A. A. Drew.
We deeply regret, says the *N. C. Daily News*, to record the death of Lieut. Alan A. Drew, of the London Scottish, killed in action on March 17 last. Mr. Drew was well known and had many friends in Shanghai. He came out to the firm of Frost, Hanbury & Co. about the year 1907, and remained here for three years, when he went home to go on the stage. He was a prominent member of the A.D.O., a member of the Shanghai Country Cricket and Rowing Clubs, and rowed in the first and only Hong Kong ever put on by his firm, the four winning the race.

Singapore Naturalisation Fees.
The Singapore fees payable for naturalisation are now altered in conformity with the following scale, which appears in the Government Gazette as a notification under the Fees Ordinance:—For every application for a grant of certificate of naturalisation under the British Naturalisation and Status of Aliens Act 1914, \$1; for every grant certificate of naturalisation under the said Act where no certificate of naturalisation has been granted under the local Naturalisation Act 1897, \$500; for every grant of a certificate of naturalisation under the said Act where a certificate of naturalisation has been granted under the local Naturalisation Act 1897, \$250.

Chinese Rebels in Japan.
General Pao Wen-yu, who was at one time a Tutch of Anhwei, entered Tokyo on the 30th March from Nagasaki where he used to live, says a Tokyo message. It is reported that he had come to Tokyo to consult with his partisans about the reports of rebels being collected by and receiving amnesties from the Chinese Government. However, Pao expresses a very firm view, saying that Ho Haiming's softening is not worth counting. The Tokyo message does not give any indication that the Japanese authorities are doing anything whatsoever to prevent the fomentation of rebellion in China from Tokyo. — *National Review.*

Sugar Machinery in Cuba.
In a report on the possibility of extending British trade with Cuba, H.M. Minister at Havana states that a great part of the machinery imported is for use in connection with the sugar industry. The market in these goods is well known to British dealers, and there appears to be no particular reason for German success in this market except a readiness to grant long credits. Entire mills and the parts thereof are bought indiscriminately from all the countries competing, but there seems to be some preference for British centrifugals and for German filter-presses and pumps. The terms of credit for all kinds of machinery show great variation.

Postal Development in Sinkiang.
The postal administration in Sinkiang has hitherto been financially supported by the Administrative Department of that province, but in consequence of the financial stringency, the said Department has asked for permission to stop the subsidy. This request has been refused, but the province will be allowed to include the amount disbursed for the postal administration in the regular annual budget.

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The Attempt to Wreck St. Patrick's Cathedral.

An attempt to wreck St. Patrick's Cathedral by exploding two powerful bombs in the north aisle of the church while seven o'clock mass was in progress was frustrated to-day by the police, says the *New York Evening Post* of March 2. The bomb thrower was expected and arrested. Before he arrived some fifty detectives in disguise of various sorts ranging from scrub women to verger guarded every entrance, were in every strategic nook and corner of the church.

Frank Abarno, the prisoner, said this afternoon at Police Headquarters that it had been planned to commence a reign of terror with the assassination of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefeller, and Cornelius Vanderbilt. As Abarno, his bombs concealed under his overcoat, a lighted cigar in his hand, entered the main door from Fifth Avenue, he walked into a trap. It did not close upon him, however, until he had placed the explosives upon the floor, at the foot of the two pillars that arise from the north aisle.

He did this while the heads of seven hundred worshippers were bowed in prayer. Pulling quickly upon his cigar to feign the light at the end of it, he touched the fuse of the first bomb. Glancing behind long enough to make certain it was sputtering, he hurried to the second. As he did so, Lieut. Barnett, made up as an aged man, with flowing white hair, silk hat, and spectacles, slipped from a pew and snapped out the burning fuse. Detectives Fennelly, Murphy, Coy, and Correll did not give the man time to light the second fuse. They landed upon his bent back as one man, and then, amid a flurry of excitement among the congregation, hurried the man and his bombs out of the cathedral.

The prisoner is Frank Abarno, eighteen years old, of 218 East 67th Street. A man known as Frank Baldo, a labourer, of 301 East 100th Street, was arrested as he entered the church with Abarno. His real name is not Baldo, and he is not a labourer. He is Emilio Polignani, and he is a detective on the regular police force. Baldo, or Polignani, saw this particular plot "hatched from the egg." He followed every detail of the manufacture of the two cathedral bombs, and every morning when Police Commissioner Woods arrived at his office he found a report giving him the exact status of the situation to date. When the day to wreck the cathedral arrived, the police authorities knew as much about the plot as the bomb-makers themselves. So much so that, before Abarno was arrested, the detectives had gone to 218 East 67th Street and seized Charles Osborne, who is charged with being the maker of the explosives.

A Spectacular Case.
The case marks one of the most interesting pieces of detective work in the history of the

bureau. Veterans at Police Headquarters could call to mind nothing quite so dramatic and spectacular. And certainly no story so qualified to find its way into a yellow-backed novel, and this, without garnishing or alteration, has come out over the morning desk of a police commissioner since Byrne's time, at least.

When the congregation began to arrive at the church shortly before seven o'clock those who were at all observant saw two charwomen busily engaged scrubbing the floor of the vestibule. They were detectives Pat Walsh and Jim Starrett. There were other detectives disguised as women, as old men, as vergers, what not? Detective Barnett, disguised as a shambling, decrepit old man, waited in the shadow of a column ready for a signal which would enable him to start up the aisle ahead of the bomb-throwers. The police had an idea that the bombs would be placed where the bomb of October 13 had been discovered, in the north aisle, about half-way up, and as it happened, their guess was correct.

There were seven hundred men and women and children kneeling in the pews when the priests began to chant the service. If the celebrants of the mass expected anything out of the ordinary, they gave no sign, while, of course, the congregation was absolutely ignorant of the drama being enacted under their noses.

Bombs Under His Coat.
The priest, moving about under the flood of light in the white charnel, had uttered no more than a dozen words when two men entered the church from Fifth Avenue. One of them was Abarno; beneath his coat were the bombs; with the lighted cigar he would set them off. The other, Polignani, was seized at the door. Before Abarno had walked up the aisle, Barnett had received a signal, and with hobbling gait, he began to walk up the aisle, slowly preceding Abarno. At length Barnett, looking out the tail of his eye, saw Abarno pause. So the detective slid into a pew. Glancing back suddenly he could see the man bending low, following the example of those whose heads were bowed in prayer. Then he straightened up and started down the aisle. Barnett threw off his simulation of age, and made record time to that sputtering machine.

It was necessary to permit Abarno to light the bomb because, while merely having a bomb in one's possession is punished by a comparatively mild sentence, the actual lighting of a bomb means a heavy sentence upon conviction. So the police decided that not too great a chance would be taken if they let the Italian apply the fire. One may imagine the responsibility resting on the detectives, at that time. As it was, Barnett was equal to it; with a snap of his fingers he doused the fuse, while at the same time other detectives fell upon the Italian as he bent over the fuse of the second bomb. The man was hurried swiftly down the aisle and thrown into a police motor van, which had been waiting around the corner. He shared his seat with his good friend Baldo, of whom he suspected nothing. Carbons had already preceded them to Headquarters.

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If Abarno had been able to carry out his design a portion of the interior of the great cathedral would no doubt have been shattered, if nothing more, and the loss of life through the explosion and the flying slugs and bars of steel would unquestionably have been great.

DESPERATE TRENCH BATTLE.

French Report of Characteristic Flight in Argonne.

Paris, March 4.—The supplementary official statement issued last night by the War Office, telling of French successes in the Argonne, gives the details of one of these engagements, which, it says, occurred daily and show the splendid ardour of the troops.

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desperate fight ensued. They filled with bombs the trenches which they had lost, but our men were able to maintain themselves by hurling back at the enemy bombs passed to them from the rear. Twenty times the enemy attacked and reached the border of our lines but each time were repulsed.

"At noon our men still were desperately holding to their position, which resembled an inferno under the fire of heavy German artillery and a hail of hand grenades. The vicinity looked like a newly furrowed field. What formerly were trenches hardly were visible. At two o'clock the fighting continued, at that time being marked by a bayonet attack of an entire French battalion, but this failed to stop the Germans, who met the charge courageously, incidentally using a hundred hand grenades.

"One by one all of our men were put out of the fight. Not a man remained in the trenches who was not hurt or wounded. A major who, since morning, had remained at the head of his men, jumped upon a parapet to shout encouragement to fresh troops which had just arrived from the rear. He had no sooner done so than he was killed by a bullet in his head. We then retired to our first position, after having inflicted terrible losses on the enemy. We had time to bring back to the rear all our wounded, and our day's task was accomplished. The Germans had to concentrate on this trench of the enemy, while our part of the front, chosen by us for the combat, reinforcements which without our attack they would have sent elsewhere."

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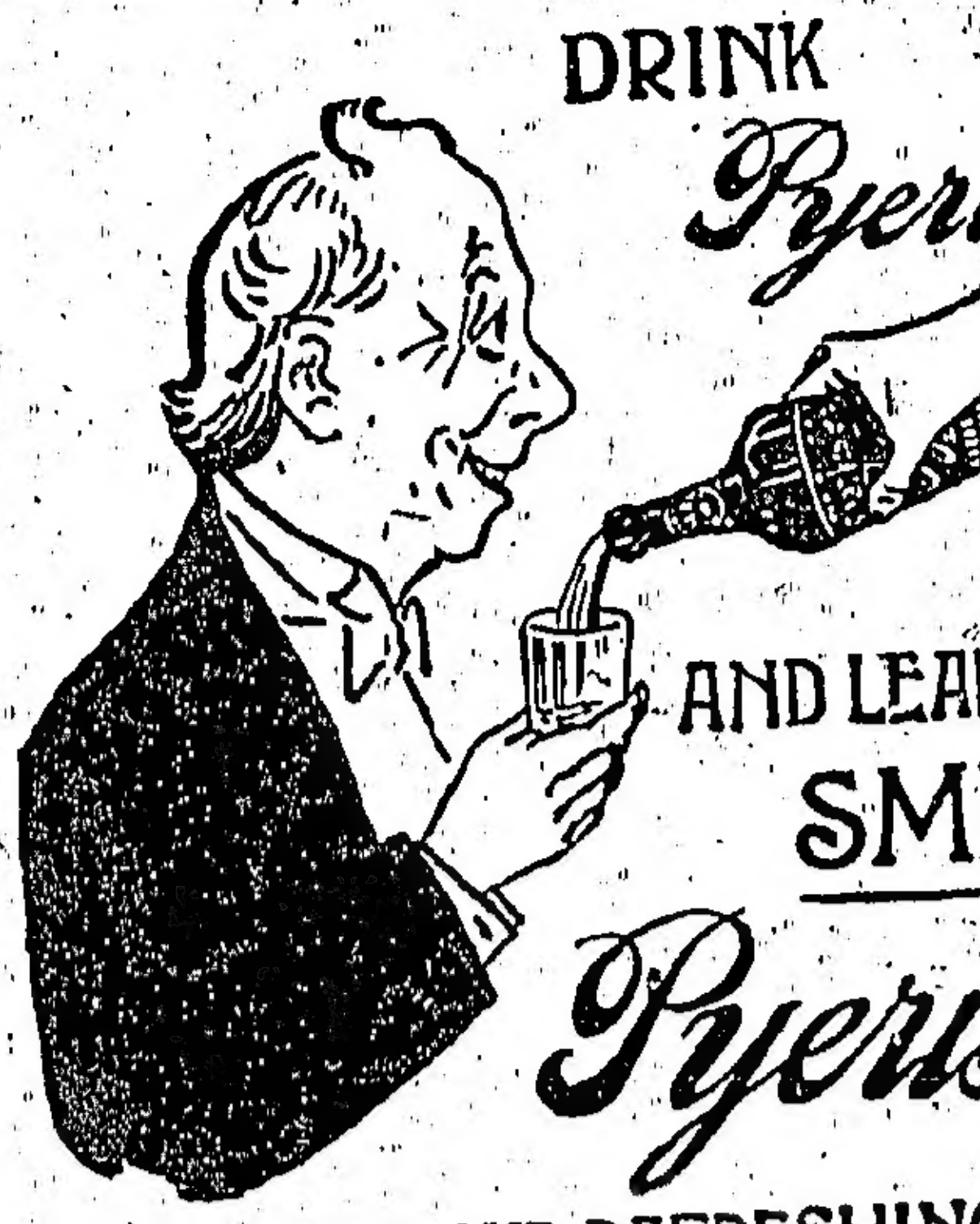
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1915.

OPIUM AND ALCOHOL.

The Shanghai National Review is taking to task some foreign paper—name unknown—for that it has suddenly espoused the cause of prohibition in the face of years of argument against it. We sympathise with our northern contemporary, for it is always more or less exasperating to have to watch inconsistency stalking the land. We are sorry that it does not give the name of the offending periodical, for, as a matter of curiosity, we should be interested to discover what paper could argue so sanely in the past against prohibition of opium in China and of alcohol in America, and then could suddenly swing round and tell its readers that prohibition is good for England and that the noble example of China and the United States is to be thanked for this new hope for the Homeland. But perhaps the National Review has misread, the wish being father to the thought.

Whatever may be the Chinese and missionary view, most European men of the world in the East are very well persuaded that prohibition is bad, first because it is a form of tyranny, and secondly because, human nature being what it is, it must inevitably lead to fraud and hypocrisy. This applies to any country and to any commodity. With such facts in view the Government at home has always, even at its maddest and weakest, stopped short of any endeavour to force the public to do without alcohol. China, less experienced in seeing into men's minds, thought to do away with opium with one simple but arrogant command; and certain of the United States—again through inexperience in Governmental matters—held the same views where alcohol was concerned. What is the result? The poppy is being grown with considerable freedom in many parts of China and opium is being smuggled into every district of the Republic, while, in the "dry" States of America, the amount of drunkenness is, by the Americans' own showing, a national disgrace. Not only so, but we gather that even as alcohol at once began to make more or less disastrous inroads into Chinese life the moment that the use of opium was made penal, so drugs have been steadily creeping into America for the benefit (?) of some of the redeemed drinkers.

China and the United States, each in her own way, boast of being progressive. Then how can either be so besotted as to think that force will prevent indulgence in that which a man has a mind to? Happily for Britain, prohibition ideas are there the recognised mark of a crank, and for all time the great majority of British citizens will fail to find any use for their cranks—or at any rate will fail to take them seriously. For an individual man, whether it be the King, Earl Kitchener or a country curate, to forbid, for a certain purpose, not necessarily connected with so-called temperance, the entry of alcohol into his house for a given time, is a far cry from what the Chinese or the American—or the National Review—understands by prohibition. When the war is over we firmly believe that temperance in the literal sense will stand more chance of being observed at home than before, but that Britain as a whole will ever listen to talk about definite forbidding, no one who knows the Britisher will ever believe.

Mak'ing it warm for Rogues.

We again have to congratulate Mr. Justice Hazland on his very exact knowledge of how to deal with the dangerous type of Chinese criminal that finds his way into Hongkong. The law has been played with to such an extent in the past, such ridiculously light sentences have been served out to ruffians who have no business in the Colony at all, that Hongkong has come to be looked upon as a sort of thieves' paradise. Happily Mr. Justice Hazland is not one to allow sentiment to interfere with the course of the law, and this fact he emphasised yesterday by sentencing one man to ten years' hard labour with twelve strokes of the "cat," for robbery with violence, and four others to seven years and twelve strokes for assault with intent to rob. If the predecessors of the judge in question had been guided a little more by good sense and knowledge of the Chinese temperament, and a little less by a mischievous humanitarianism, very few of such sentences would be necessary nowadays. As it is, the good word has gone forth throughout Kwangtung and the regions round about Kwangsi that for an offence which the Chinese Government would punish with death or torture we soft-hearted Britishers will consider a brief and easy sojourn in goal an ample penalty; and so rogues flock into Hongkong as to a festival.

"Under Two Flags."

The Howitt Phillips Company has not been ill-advised just now to stage "Under Two Flags." At any time it stands a good chance of drawing a house, and to-day, when the French and British troops are so much to the fore, that chance is considerably magnified. We do not know how the case may be in these days, but there was a time when "Ouida" could boast that her novel was the most popular of any among British officers. It certainly has "go" in it and, so far as we remember, the writer succeeds (where better authors have gone near to failing) in making a horse-race real and positively thrilling. Whether there ever were such people as her dandy guardsmen or not is hardly for us of the present generation to decide. It is said by a recent biographer of Miss de la Ramee that she gained her knowledge of British officers by making herself quite at home in their quarters—on the strict understanding that they should regard her as one of themselves, and should place no curb on their tongues, but should speak exactly as though a woman was not present. At any rate, in "Under Two Flags" she produced perhaps the most popular novel of our fathers' days, and one which was generally regarded as giving a perfectly fair picture of the military life of the period.

It is said in publishing circles, we believe, that "Ouida" is rapidly becoming a thing of the past; that her stories cannot hope much longer to hold their own against the work of Miss Corelli, "Rita," "Frank Danby" and company on the one hand, and against the erotic outpourings of Victoria Cross and her friends, on the other. Our mothers and aunts, in their youth, were gravely cautioned against "Ouida," though, as we said of Lord Byron yesterday, subsequent "literary" productions have completely thrown her into the shade as regards "niceness." As a novelist she undoubtedly had certain powers which her more recent imitators do not seem to possess, and one or two of her stories—notably "Mothe" and "The Massarenes"—night perchance have been included among "the good" had they not been rendered farcical by the hopeless flunkeyism and sentimentality of them. Perhaps it is the existence of the very qualities which is digging the grave of her work now. To do the modern novel-reader justice, there is a limit to the amount of balderdash about silky mountebanks, old lace, pawns stewed in sherry, handsome tenors, ruined lives, Turkey carpets, velvet eyes, bored and cynical smiles, etc., which he (or she, rather) can stand; and it certainly looks as though "Ouida" will never again climb from the kitchen level to which she has already, by common consent, been banished.

DAY BY DAY.

THE TRUE TEST OF CIVILISATION IS NOT THE CENSUS, NOR THE SIZE OF CITIES, NOR THE CROPS, BUT THE KIND OF MAN THAT THE COUNTRY TURNS OUT.—Emerson.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 80; fine.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 72; clear.

Count the Columns.
Yesterday the Telegraph published 40 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 35 published.

The Mails.
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The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.13-10d.

To-day's Anniversary.
To-day is the 253rd anniversary of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the harbour of Santa Cruz, by Admiral Blake.

No Plague.
There were no cases of plague in Hongkong last week.

Tronoh Output.
The total output from the Tronoh Mines, Limited, for March was 2,529.57 piculs.

To Consignees.
Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Iverio are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent.

Sailing Date Altered.
The sailing date of the Yasak Maru for Europe has been altered from Thursday at noon to Friday at the same hour.

Peak Resident Fined.
At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Mislin, of 68, the Peak, was fined \$5, by Mr. Wood, for allowing his dog to stray without a muzzle.

Stealing a Boy.
A young Chinese was charged and remanded, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing a boy, aged 12 years, from the house of his parents at Wanchoi.

A Local Author's Work.
We learn that Mr. Tse Tsan-tai's book, "The Creation. The Real Situation of Eden; and the Origin of the Chinese," has been placed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

Alleged Child-Stealing.
A woman from Wanchoi was remanded at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of stealing a child, aged 11 years. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs prosecuted.

Colony's Health.
Last week the communicable diseases notified in the Colony were three cases each of small-pox, enteric and diphtheria. All were fatal save one of diphtheria, and all the sufferers were Chinese with the exception of a British case of diphtheria and an Indian occurrence of enteric.

Junkmaster and Opium.
At the Police Court, this morning, the master of a fishing junk was charged, by Inspector Gordon, with being in unlawful possession of fifty-three balls of Bengal opium and 120 taels of prepared opium, which were alleged to have been found on board the defendant's junk at Wanchoi, last night. The case was remanded.

Bijou Theatre.
The Bijou Scenic Theatre has been giving a remarkably good show the last few nights, the special features being the two dramatic films:—"A Ray of Sun" and "The Trust." A new programme is entered upon to-morrow, the leading item of which will be the performances of the Scots wizard, Albert Morrow, who is appearing for the first time in Hongkong.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

ITALY'S DECISION.

How It Will Affect the Situation.

By far and away the most important news as we write is the announcement that Italy has broken off conversations with Austria and Germany. The news is important, but it is by no means unexpected, for events have been tending for a very considerable time past towards a rupture between Italy and the Dual Alliance, and more especially between the Italian and Austrian Governments. The announcement is almost tantamount to a declaration of war, the news of which may come to hand ere these lines appear in print. With Italy added to the list of warring nations, an entirely new complexion will be put on the situation in Europe, and only the briefest period of time should elapse before the Balkan States are also involved. And here the situation is rather complex, though there can be little doubt that when they do come in they will be found on the side of the Allies.

Bulgaria's Change.

When the question of the likely intervention of the Balkan States was first mooted, the only doubtful nation was Bulgaria, who was inclined to follow the policy which she set out for herself during the last Balkan War. That policy meant working at cross purposes with Serbia, and, therefore, a falling in line with Serbia's enemies. Political events which have since occurred, however, have changed all that, and a couple of days ago came the admission by the Bulgarian Premier that there was a possibility of his country coming in on the side of the Entente Powers. A paragraph in to-day's telegram at first sight appears somewhat confusing. We refer to the message stating that Greece and Serbia have renewed their agreements for mutual defence against any aggression by Rumania. That, however, we take to be a merely formal matter, with no special bearing on the present crisis.

"Face Saving."

The casual observer might at first glance wonder why Germany and Austria, already both hard pressed, should invite further trouble by rubbing Italy the wrong way. But if one looks a little closely into the matter, it will be seen that the whole thing smacks very much of "face-saving." Both nations realise that they have embarked on a hopeless task, and, looking ahead to the day when they will perform have to admit defeat, they are able to say that it was not merely to England or France that they had to give way but to the whole world in arms. And, since they will both have to foot a big bill, it will really matter nothing if they have to make the payment to one or six creditors. Some such line as this, we may be sure, is being taken by the discredited Dual Allies.

Italy's Forces.

Putting aside those points, and coming down to hard practicalities, this much is certain—that when Italy does come in the doom of Austria will quickly be sealed. Already Russia is bearing down on the Dual Monarchy, and with Austrian territory further threatened by the new enemy, the complete downfall will be decidedly hastened. Italy's estimated war strength (First and Second Line Forces only) is 750,000, but from the experience of other nations we may safely reckon that this figure will but very inadequately cover the full strength which the Italians can put into the field. Italy's Navy, too, is a big factor to be taken into account, including as it does nine battleships, nine armoured cruisers, eleven light cruisers and a big number of small craft, including a dozen submarines, many of these being of the most modern type. The entry of the Italians into the war, therefore, will mean big things. It may help towards a speedy termination of the war.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

The Progress of the Negotiations.

(From Our Own Correspondent), Peking, April, 7.

The negotiations are going on in the Waichuoping building to-day for the discussion of free residence and land ownership in South Manchuria and the Han-Yeh-Ping Company. The Japanese opposition to the Chinese amendment concerning free residence and land ownership in the interior of South Manchuria is that in cases where the plaintiffs are Japanese subjects, Japanese judicial officials shall sit with local Chinese authorities, while the Chinese maintain that, regardless of the litigants' nationality, all land cases should be adjudicated upon by Chinese officials.

In addition, to the Han-Yeh-Ping Company question and the establishment of Japanese Buddhist Churches in China, Mr. Hiroki is pressing Mr. Lu, Chinese Foreign Minister, to discuss Japanese demands on Eastern Inner Mongolia so that they can be settled at the same time as the Manchurian items. China still refuses to do so and wishes to discuss affairs concerning Eastern Inner Mongolia separately from South Manchuria.

With regard to the Han-Yeh-Ping Company, responsible Chinese authorities say that the paid-up capital of the three amalgamated concerns, viz. Hanyang Iron Works, Tuyen Iron Mine and Pinghsiang Coal Mine, was \$20,000,000 and that the total loan from Japanese up to now amounted to \$24,000,000. In return for this loan, the Japanese are supplied with cheap iron ores and other material by the Company at greatly reduced prices, to the detriment of the said Company's finances. Further, the Company is a private shareholders' Company, which has nothing to do with the Chinese Government, and the Government is not responsible for the loans whether it gains or loses. It was stipulated in the loan agreements that the Company would only be held responsible for the loans and that no territorial properties of the Company could be given as security for any foreign loans. The people of Kiangsi, Hunan and Hupeh strongly oppose the Japanese loan of \$15,000,000 last year by Sheng Hsuan-hui, and they say it is quite impossible for the Central Government to transfer the Compa y to the Japanese, as it is a mercantile concern. With the possible exception of Sheng Hsuan-hui, the majority of the Company's shareholders are bitterly opposing Japanese administration, in addition to the natives of the three above-mentioned Provinces. Telegrams have already been received here to this effect.

SHROPSHIRE TERRITORIALS.

Two More Companies Arrive.

Two more companies of the 4th Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry, with five officers, arrived in Hongkong on the 18th instant. The names of the officers are:—Captain W. G. Litt, Captain W. C. Shearer, Lieutenant E. R. Litt, 2nd Lieutenant W. B. A. Lewis, and 2nd Lieutenant R. C. Wace.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

April	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	254	239	242	233	273	259	238	242	208	273	270	238	260	311	265	295	280	247	208
Total to 19th inst.	4,985																		
Daily average	262.8																		

COCAINE CASE.

A Formal Remand Granted.

Inspector Lamont, at the Police Court, this morning, charged a Chinese with being in unlawful possession of 219 doses of cocaine.

Mr. Goldring said he appeared on behalf of Mr. Agassiz, who represented the defendant but could not attend that morning and would not be able to appear for a couple of days. Although the parties were quite willing that he (Mr. Goldring) should go on with the case, he hesitated to do so. He would be obliged if his Worship would grant a remand. The case was formally fixed for Saturday.

BOY AND WATCHMAN.

Ten Strokes for Stabbing.

Before Mr. Lindsell, at the Police Court, this morning, Sergeant Brown charged a boy with cutting and wounding a watchman.

It appears that a number of boys caused annoyance to the occupants of offices in King's Buildings, the watchman chased them away on several occasions, and on the last occasion the defendant pulled out a knife and stabbed the watchman.

A sentence of ten strokes of the birch was passed.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The "Donegal Badge" Competition.

The Taikoo Rifle Club held their annual competition for the "Donegal Badge" on Sunday, the 18th, inst. This competition is always keenly contested, as the holder of this badge becomes entitled to many privileges should he at any time attend a Bialay meeting.

The conditions under which this badge is shot for are the same as for the Donegal Cup, as held at Bialay, the highest possible score being 85 points.

Mr. J. Simpson was the fortunate winner. The scoring this year was not quite so good as in previous years. The eight best scores are as under:—

Mr. J. Simpson	75
" T. Grimshaw	73
" H. T. Heath	71
" D. Lyle	71
" W. J. Eldridge	70
" A. Nicol	69
" A. Whitelaw	59
" G. Miller	58

SUPREME EFFORT.

Forty Men Killed on the Inflexible.

Athens March 20.—A telegram received here regarding the operations at the Dardanelles states that according to a British officer the aim of yesterday's bombardment, which lasted six hours, was to pave the way for forcing the passage of the Narrows between Kili Bahr and Chanak.

Two thousand shells were fired, but there was no idea yesterday of carrying the enterprise through to completion.

This was the first general attack, and the Turks replied with a violent and continued fire.

The French battleship Gaulois struck a mine with her bows, but the damage is so slight that the repairs will only take a few days. She has left the Dardanelles, and is anchored off the island of Tenedos.

The battleship Inflexible was struck by a shell on the bow and has left the Straits, conveyed by two cruisers. Besides that, a shell exploding on her deck killed some forty men and wounded many others.

The forts, in which large numbers of the defenders are stated to have been killed or wounded, are described as having suffered great damage.

The allied squadrons re-entered the Straits this morning, and at 9.30 again opened a violent bombardment, which was still proceeding when the last message was sent off.

ATHLETICS.

Hongkong Schools' Sports.

There was quite a large attendance at the Racecourse yesterday afternoon to witness the Hongkong Schools' Athletic Sports which were held under the patronage of H. R. Sir Henry May, K.O.M.G., H. E. Vice Admiral Sir T. H. M. Jerram, K.C.B., H. E. Major General F. H. Kelly, C.B., the Right Rev. Bishop Lander, the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzani, Commodore R. H. Anstutcher, O.M.G., Sir Charles Eliot, K.O.M.G., the Hon. Sir O. P. Hunter, O.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Chaudhry, the Ven. Rev. E. J. Barnard, Archdeacon of Hongkong, Mr. E. A. Irving, Lieut.-Colonel Chapman, V.D., Mr. N. H. N. Mady, Mr. T. K. Dealy and Mr. E. Ralphs, and the able control of the following stewards:—Rev. Bro. Aimar, Messrs. R. E. O. Bird, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Ho Kom Tong, T. F. Hough, Ellis Kadoorie, the Hon. Mr. Liu Chu Pak, Li Ping, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. G. Percy, Mr. Ng Hon Tsz, Rev. A. D. Stewart, assisted by the following General Committee:—Rev. Bro. Alphonse, Mr. R. C. Barlow, Mr. E. O. Bird, Mr. F. A. Britton, Rev. Bro. Cornelius, Messrs. A. H. Crook, E. J. Edwards, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, J. C. Fletcher, L. Forster, A. W. Grant, A. Hamilton, G. A. Hewitt, A. Hughes, B. James, W. Kay, A. Morris, S. R. Moore, Rev. Bro. Paul, G. Perkins, J. Ralston, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Rev. C. B. Shann, H. G. Southerton, Rev. A. D. Stewart, E. C. Stuart, H. Sykes, B. Taunton, A. Vivian, and A. Williams. The Hon. Secretary, wrote Messrs. C. Mycock and W. H. Vivian.

The events were keenly contested by boys of the following schools:—Queen's College, Diocesan School, Saiyungpau School, Wanchai School, Yau-mai School, St. Joseph's College, Bellios Public School, St. Stephen's College, St. Paul's College, Ellis Kadoorie School, Victoria British School, Anglo-Indian School, Garrison School and Kowloon British School. At the close, H. E. Sir Henry May presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and the Junior School Football League Cup to St. Paul's College. His Excellency spoke highly of the success of the St. Joseph's College, which won all the most important events of the day, and said he hoped to see some other school come forward to break the St. Joseph's record next year. The Band of the 74th Punjab was in attendance during the afternoon. The results were as follows:—

Long Jump (Senior Championship) 1, H. Johnson; 2, Yeung Kam-chui; 3, Wong Chak-keung. 100 yards flat race (Junior Championship) 1, D. Bragg; 2, L. Gutierrez; 3, A. Kizack. 100 yards flat race (Senior Championship) 1, H. Johnson; 2, R. Omar; 3, Chan Wai-van. 120 yards flat race (Handicap) boys under 10.—1, Lam So man; 2, A. Abbas; 3, Gani Mahomed. 440 yards flat race, Chinese Boys under 10.—1, Yeung Kam-chui; 2, Chan Tiog-kwai; 3, Chan Ho.

High Jump (Junior Championship) 1, Chung Ue-kong; 2, D. Bragg. 300 yards flat race (Senior Championship) 1, R. Omar; 2, Wong Chak-keung; 3, Ngan Sai kin. Mile Bicycle Race, boys under 10.—1, A. Abbas; 2, J. Soares; 3, Ip Hung.

Half mile flat race (Civil Service Challenge Cup) boys under 10.—1, H. Johnson; 2, R. Omar; 3, A. Fattedad.

100 yards flat race, British boys under 10.—1, O. Morton; 2, E. Coy; 3, A. Dean. 220 yards flat race (Junior Championship) 1, D. Bragg; 2, L. Gutierrez; 3, Ohtuka.

120 yards flat race, Chinese boys under 14.—1, Lam To-man; 2, Ip Chuen; 3, Cheung Kin-fong. High Jump (Senior Championship) 1, Wong Chak-keung; 2, H. Johnson.

100 yards flat race, girls under 10.—1, Paulina Viers; 2, Patricia Remedios; 3, Mabel Blockman. 100 yards flat race, girls under 10.—1, Lydia Statham; 2, Ruby Young; 3, Suzanne Weill.

120 yards Hurdle Race (Junior Championship) 1, Chung Ue-kong; 2, Ohtuka; 3, Galloway.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting Held Last Evening.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was held last evening at the City Hall, when Mr. L. N. Loofe presided. There were also present Mrs. J. M. Ede, Mrs. A. J. Mackie, Messrs. A. R. Nicol, Nicholson, Cho Po-sien, F. B. L. Bowley, W. L. Pattenden and Commander O. W. Beckwith.

The accounts and report for the past year were adopted. The statement of accounts shows that last year's credit balance of \$1,477.02 has been increased to \$1,858.28. It must however be pointed out that accounts to the amount of about \$300.00 have still to be paid and on the other hand that subscriptions amounting to \$125.00 have still to come in. The net result is that from a financial point of view the position of the Society may be considered quite satisfactory.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. H. W. Looker; Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Pattenden; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Nicol; Committee, Mrs. N. J. Stubb, Mrs. O. M. Ede, Mrs. Newall Messrs. R. Gibbs, F. W. Howell, L. N. Loofe, P. W. Goldring Tuther and Cho Po-sien.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. L. Gibbs, who has gone home on leave, for the services he had rendered the Society during past years.

Mr. Nicholson had a valuable suggestion to make to the effect that a challenge cup, valued at least at \$80, should be put up to be held one year for the exhibit in any class which the committee should think most praiseworthy. The matter was referred to the committee for consideration, Mr. Nicholson promising that if it were adopted he would do his best to raise the necessary sum.

In the interests of the smaller grower, Commander Beckwith made the valuable suggestion that there should be a class for six carnations and six roses, in order to give the small grower a chance. This matter was also referred to the committee, as was also a suggestion by Mrs. A. J. Mackie that the class for 'out nasturtiums' should be open instead of being confined to the Peak.

Mr. Bowley also voiced the opinion that something should be done to limit the number of first prizes that could be secured by any one competitor in the next show. He thought they should be given certificates of merit after winning a certain number of awards. This matter was also promised consideration by the committee.

120 yards Hurdle Race (Senior Championship) 1, H. Johnson; 2, Wong Chak-keung; 3, Yeung Kam-chui.

100 yards Skipping Race, girls of all ages.—1, Paulina Viers; 2, Ruby Young; 3, Rose White.

300 yards flat race, Chinese boys under 10.—1, Chan Wai-van; 2, Ngan Si-kin; 3, Cheung Mang-hung.

50 yards flat race, all comers under 7.—1, Ismail; 2, Hamid; 3, Usuf.

Sack Race, boys under 10.—1, Yeung Kam-chui; 2, Shin Kwai-shang; 3, Chan Shin-teng.

220 yards flat race, British boys under 10.—1, W. Mason; 2, R. Bentley; 3, W. Taylor.

100 yards flat race, girls of all ages.—1, Lydia Statham; 2, Nellie Burden; 3, Mary Hyde.

Quarter Mile boys under 10 years (Ellis Kadoorie Cup).—1, H. Johnson; 2, R. Omar; 3, Wong Yat-keung.

7 Furlongs flat race, open to Past Pupils Only.—1, F. L. Silva; 2, Hamid.

100 Yards Three-Legged Race, boys under 10.—1, H. Johnson and R. Omar; 2, D. Bragg and A. Rizek; 3, Wong Wing-pak and Li Lai-in.

2 Miles Bicycle Race, Past Pupils Only.—1, Mow Hing; 2, F. Brown.

Team Race, open to all Schools.—1st, St. Joseph's College; 2nd, St. Paul's College. The St. Joseph's Team was:—A. Goldenberg (Capt), L. Xavier, V. Xavier, E. Johnson, D. O'Connell, Chek Wan, F. Proudhon and Omar. The gold medal for the Senior Championship was won by H. Johnson, and the Junior Championship by D. Bragg.

FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs Snowman and Co's Advice.

Messrs Snowman & Co's, advices received from London dated 19th March, 1915 are as follows:—

Referring to our last week's freight report, owing to the uncertainty as to the effect of our Government's proclamation regarding the export of coals and imports of all commodities, business has been partially suspended, with the result that the owners of prompt tonnage have had to reduce their rates to secure business. Although, generally, markets can be considered, for the moment, much easier, the opinion remains that the demand will continue much above the supply, especially as our Government is requisitioning a considerable number of vessels and there is very little improvement in the way of detention at the various ports of discharge.

Far East.—There is still very little business to report, but with the easier market from the rice ports there is now some chance of merchants being able to secure tonnage at workable rates, although steamers remain exceedingly scarce.

Philippines.—Charterers have taken a 12,000 tonner at 75/- to the States, which means a gross freight of about \$45,000, to U.K. and France charterers are easier at 100/-.

America.—Has been much quieter this last week for grain, and although there has not been much business passing, rates remain about the same as last week but with a slightly easier tendency. Montreal charterers are still asking for f.w. grain tonnage, and as they were unable to obtain same at 7/6 to 7/8, they were asking for c.f.r. at up to 8/-.

From the Northern range several steamers have been fixed for the French Atlantic ports at 8/3 to 8/6 on c.o.s. basis, and 10/9 to 11/- for heavy grain. Denmark secure a steamer for grain at 14/8 April loading, whilst Rotterdam paid 10/- early in the week for an April boat, and a couple of days ago 3d. less was accepted for a second steamer.

West Italy for coals from Baltimore paid 50/- twice, and Marcellus secured tonnage for heavy grain at 10/9. Case oil for April/May steamer paid 52 1/2 cents from New York or Philadelphia for North China. Regarding timber, there are still enquiries in the market, but with the high rates being paid for grain the wood charterers are unable to compete, and must therefore wait until the demand for grain tonnage is easier, or else take sailing vessels to carry their cargoes. Two sailing vessels have been recently closed at 21/- from the Gulf to W. C. U. K. and further tonnage can be placed at the same figure.

There is also an order in the market for London, but for this, owing to the expense and difficulty in obtaining tonnage, charterers will have to pay anything up to 225/-, and we should not be at all surprised to find owners asking for a free tow from the Isle of Wight. Case oil from Port Arthur is still quoted, and tonnage can be placed for this commodity right up to September/October, both for the East and Australian ports.

Time Charter.—This market has continued quite steady since our last report, but not so many steamers have been taken up this week as during the corresponding period when we last wrote. The principal difficulty at the moment is to find the necessary tonnage exactly suitable to Charterers requirements, and another factor is that Owners prefer to run the steamers on their own account. However, several large boats have been fixed for periods of 9 and 12 months at 12/6 and 13/- on d.w. which rates seem to be current to-day. Charterers are also taking tonnage with delivery in the Mediterranean at big figures, and whilst one boat has accepted 15/6 for one transatlantic round delivery West Italy, another boat has secured 16/- on d.w. for two rounds. With delivery U. K. a large boat has been fixed for one round trip to the United States Mediterranean and France at 17/6 combining a second trip at 15/-.

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haying been fixed for short trips with delivery United States, and the only large boat reported for European trading only is a Consistia Water at 12/6 for 12 months.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Three Chinese at the Criminal Sessions.

This morning, in the Supreme Court, the Puisne Judge, Mr. F. A. Hazeland, had before him the case in which Li Chik, Yeung Choi and Chan Yat, alias Chau Lam, were charged with wounding a Chinese, named Chau Yau, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm at Sham-shuipo, on March 25.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Crown Solicitor presented the defendants being unrepresented.

The jury was comprised of the following:—Messrs A. R. Austin, A. Baptista, A. J. Florin, G. R. Edwards, J. M. Alves, W. Taylor and A. R. Abbas.

The case for the prosecution was that the complainant was a former head district watchman and the object of the attack upon him was apparently one of revenge. It appeared that on the date in question the three defendants went to the complainant's house one after the other and ultimately attacked him, inflicting on him a certain severe injury.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty against the second prisoner and guilty against the first and third. The last two were sentenced to seven years' hard labour each, with twelve strokes.

In the case of Liu Tin-luk, who was charged with being concerned in a robbery by two or more, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

SPECIAL POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Parades (Central Police Station).

—Tuesday, April 20th, Instructional Parade for N. O. Officers at 5.15 p.m.; Wednesday, April 21st, 1st Portuguese Company, Rifle Exercises, 1st Indian Company, Squad Drill, both at 5.30 p.m.; Thursday, April 22nd, 1st Chinese Company, including Recruits, Rifle Exercises for Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, at 5.30 p.m.; Friday, April 23rd, British Company, Rifle Exercises, 5.30 p.m. Members of this Company, who have attended less than four drills will parade at 5.15 sharp; Saturday, April 24th, 1st, Chinese Company, including Recruits at 3.00 p.m. sharp. Rifle exercises for Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons. Musketry (Peak Range, 200 yards at 2.30 p.m.).—Saturday, April 24th, musketry practice for detailed Platoon from Portuguese Company.

Issue of rifles.—Every member of the 1st British Company, in possession of a Winchester rifle must return same to store immediately, as the rifles are urgently required for other units.

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Destination.	Steamers.	Sailing Date
MARSEILLES AND LONDON, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Yasaka Maru Capt. Yamawaki T. 21,000 Miyasaki Maru Capt. Teranaka T. 16,000	THURS., 22nd Apr. at noon. THURS., 13th May, at noon.

VICTORIA, B.O. and SEATTLE via Keelung, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, and Yokohama	Sado Maru Capt. Asakawa T. 12,500 Awa Maru Capt. Hori T. 12,500	TUES., 4th May, at 4 p.m. TUES., 18th May at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Hitachi Maru Capt. Tomimaga T. 13,500 Tango Maru Capt. K. Soyeda T. 13,500	MON., 17th May at 11 a.m. TUES., 15th June at 4 p.m.

CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang & Rangoon	Ceylon Maru Capt. Shinobe T. 12,090	SATUR., 1st May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca and Colombo	Bombay Maru Capt. Kurosumi T. 5,000	MONDAY, 12th April.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Yoko	Kawachi Maru Capt. Nakamura T. 12,500 Kanagawa Maru Capt. Higo T. 12,500	FRIDAY, 12th April. SATURDAY, 1st May.
SHANGHAI & Kobe	Tango Maru Capt. Soyeda T. 13,600 Fushimi Maru Capt. Qizawa T. 21,000	SATUR., 15th May at 10 a.m. WEDNES., 21st Apr. at 10 a.m.

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Yasaka Maru	25,000 tons	Thursday 22nd April
Miyasaki	16,000 "	" 13th May
Kitano	16,000 "	" 20th May
Fushimi	25,000 "	" 3rd June
Hirano	16,000 "	" 17th June
Katori	20,000 "	" 1st July
Kamo	16,000 "	" 15th July

FOR AMERICA.

Sado Maru	12,500 tons	Tuesday 4th May
Awa	12,500 "	" 18th May
Shidzuoka	12,500 "	Thursday 27th May
Aki	12,500 "	Tuesday, 15th June
Tamba	12,500 "	" 29th June
Yokohama	12,500 "	Thursday 8th July

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MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Chinhua	21st Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	22nd Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Chenan	25th Apr. at daylight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	27th Apr. at 4 p.m.

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Tjikembang	JAVA	18th April	JAVA	21st April
Tjitaroem	JAPAN	23rd April	S'HAJ	1st half May
Tjibodas	JAVA	26th April	S'HAJ	1st half May
Tjimanoeck	JAVA	1st half May		
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Shinyo Maru	22,000	21 knots	" 11th May, at noon.
Chiyo Maru	22,000	21 knots	" 8th June, at noon.

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Steamships.	Captain	Leaving.
Haiyang	A. E. Hodgkins	FRI., 23rd Apr. at 1 p.m.
Haitan	J. W. Evans	TUES., 27th Apr. at 1 p.m.

FOR AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

Halching ... | W. C. Passmore. | WED., 21st Apr. at daylight

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The Ningchow's Escape.
The Ningchow, twin-screw steamer of 9,021 tons, belonging to the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company (Messrs. A. Holt and Company, managers), arrived at Glasgow on 6th inst. after an exciting adventure in the Channel with a German submarine. Capt. H. L. Allen resides at Birkenhead, where he arrived on 7th. He said:—"We left London on Wednesday, and at 5.30 on the following evening were steaming past Land's End. When about 10 miles from the Longships Light we discovered a submarine approaching us. It was evident that her intention was to intercept us. I immediately gave orders to run for shore, and for about 20 minutes or half an hour the submarine followed us. Then apparently deciding that our speed was too great for him, the commander of the submarine gave up the chase. We continued at full speed for about a couple of hours until dark. Then, with lights out, I turned the vessel round again, and proceeded on the voyage to Glasgow. One of the officers of the ship gives the following account:—"We left Ymouiden at day-break on 2nd inst. On the afternoon of 4th at 5.30, when one mile past the Longships Light, near Land's End, a submarine was sighted on our starboard bow making a course at right angles to the Ningchow, so as to cut us off, and between one and two miles ahead. Owing to the fact that there were six neutral ships ahead of us, and to attain the speed necessary to cut us off, the submarine, which was of a large type, found it necessary to come to the surface. The order was given to starboard (the helm), and the Ningchow came back on her tracks. The submarine at the same time altered her course to catch us. The chase lasted 20 minutes. By that time, owing to the speed which we had then attained, the submarine saw it was useless to continue the pursuit. Orders were given for all possible speed when the submarine was first seen, and it is without a doubt owing to the splendid way in which the engineers responded to this order that the Ningchow was saved. The Ningchow was on her way from Amsterdam to Glasgow. No attempt was made to fly any neutral flag. The British ensign was kept flying throughout. Great coolness was shown by the commander, officers, and crew.

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Revenue Cutter Gilbert in Port at Manila.

The Philippine revenue cutter Gilbert, which has been doing patrol duty between Jolo and Borneo, taking fatherly care of the would-be opium smugglers in that section, arrived in Manila last Saturday morning from Borneo, Jolo and Zamboanga to go into drydock, says the Bulletin of April 13. The vessel will be thoroughly cleaned and overhauled, which will take her about two weeks. She brought 10 sacks of mail from the southern islands. The channel between Borneo and Jolo is but 20 miles across in some places so the Gilbert has her hands full, but the Moros and others engaged in the illicit traffic have a healthy fear of Captain Miel, the commander of the vessel, and his four little barkers. Business is reported to be in bad shape in that section of the Philippines chiefly on account of the partial suspension of the pearl industry, the price of which has dropped so much on account of the war that it is no longer a profitable industry.

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S'HAU, Y'hama, Kobe, Moji.....	Kumsang*	Fri., 23rd Apr. at 3 p.m.
MANILA.....	Loongsang*	Sat., 24th Apr. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG.....	Taksang	Wed., 28th Apr. at 10 a.m.
MANILA.....	Yuensang*	Sat., 1st May at 3 p.m.

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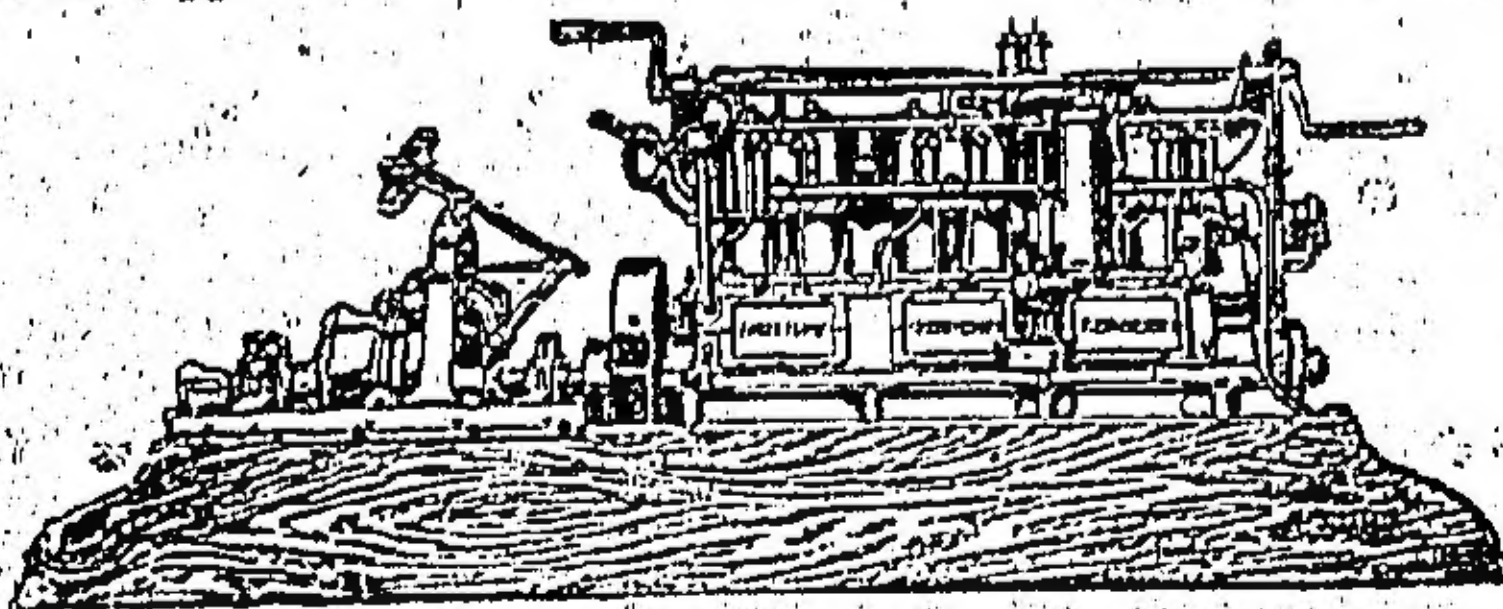
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L'don, via S'pore, P'ang, C'bo, &c.	Nora	P. & O.	28, Apr.
Marseilles, London & Liverpool	Kalomo	B. L. L.	10, May

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New York via Suez Canal	Indrao	S. T. Co.	25, Apr.
San F'cisco via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	27, Apr.
New York via Panama Canal	B. Castle	D. & Co.	E. of A.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan etc.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	1, May
San F'cisco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	4, May
Via, B.C., & S'tle via K'lung &c.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	4, May
Mexican, Peruvian and Chile			
Ports via Japan	Seiyo M.	T. K. K.	11, May
San F'cisco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Shiyo M.	T. K. K.	11, May
New York via Suez	Inverio	B. L. L.	14, May
San F'cisco via Manila & Japan &c.	Persia	P. M. Co.	18, May

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Swatow	Halimun	D. L. Co.	21, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	21, Apr.
Shanghai	Sardina	P. & O.	21, Apr.
Delagoa Bay, D'ban, E. L'don &c.	Gujarat	B. L.	23, Apr.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haikyung	D. L. Co.	23, Apr.
Shanghai	Chenan	B. & S.	25, Apr.
Bombay via S'pore, Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Nio M.	O. S. K.	26, Apr.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Nagoya	P. & O.	10, May
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	15, May
Singapore, Mauritius & South African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	15, June
Shanghai	Tjipanas	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tjitaroom	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
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The P. & O. s.s. SARDINIA left Singapore for this Port on the 17th instant, evening, with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 22nd instant about afternoon.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. PERSIA arrived at San Francisco on the 29th ult.

The P. M. s.s. SIBERIA arrived at San Francisco on April 12.

The P. M. s.s. HONGKONG sailed from Yokohama on Thursday, March 15, and will sail from Nagasaki to Hongkong direct, omitting call at Manila. She is carrying her own mails and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on about the 22nd inst. The P. M. s.s. SHINYO MARU will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via usual ports, on Tuesday 11th May, at noon.

The T. K. K. s.s. CHIYO MARU will next leave for San Francisco via usual ports on Tuesday, the 8th June at noon.

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The E. & A. s.s. EASTERN left Sydney for this Port on 29th ult. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 18th April.

The A. O. Line s.s. TAIYUAN left Zamboanga for Hongkong via Manila on 15th April, and may be expected to arrive on or about the 21st instant.

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The I. O. S. N. s.s. YATSHING from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 3rd May.

The S. L. s.s. CARNARYONSHIRE from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 28th April.

The S. L. s.s. MONMOUTHSHIRE from London is due at Hongkong on the 17th May and leaves for Japan & Vladivostok on the 19th May.

The S. L. s.s. MERIONETHSHIRE from London is due at Hongkong on the 30th May and leaves for Japan on the 1st June.

The Ben Line s.s. BENAVON from Hull, Middlesbrough & London left Singapore for this Port on the 13th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 19th instant.

The s.s. SATHIA from Calcutta left Singapore on the 13th inst. afternoon and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst. daylight.

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All Claims must be filed on or before 2nd May, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Keonm, Br. s.s. 5,871, T. H. Collister, 10th inst.—Singapore, 5th inst. Gen.—B. & S.	Bamaous, Br. s.s. 4,256, F. B. 18th inst.—Singapore, Gen.—B. & S.
Kweilin, Br. s.s. 1,073, Mills, 10th inst.—Swatow, Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,461, K. Hashimoto, 18th inst.—San Francisco, 20th ult.—T.K.K.
Fausang, Br. s.s. 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 11th inst.—Saigon, 7th inst. Rice.—J. M. & Co.	Satanta, Br. s.s. 3,354, W. J. Davis, 17th inst.—S. Francisco, 17th ult.—Petroleum—S. O. & Co.
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1915.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

BOXING.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—In last night's issue of a contemporary, also in your issue, I noticed, much to my regret, that I had been guilty of offending the "Sports" family, thereby incurring their displeasure, by referring to "Kid" Marriot and his abilities, but I fail to see why they should point out his record to me, as I, like many others who have sat near the ringside, had it continually dinned into my ears for a number of years, and practically know it by heart.

"Old Sport," presumably the father, goes on to state that the purses have been cut down to such an extent that they are not worth fighting for; then why fight? I really think that the public would willingly forego the privilege of seeing him spar.

In conclusion, I would like to point out to "Old Sport" that from a "biased critic" and one who sits at the ringside, that little knowledge is dangerous. Never since I have been in Hongkong has a man fought by the name of Hughie Cosello—surely he is not referring to Hughie Mackintosh, who went to the V.R.C. some time ago in search of a "White Hope."

MULTUM IN PARVO.
Hongkong, April 20, 1915.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

Sir,—While strolling about the racecourse yesterday afternoon, I heard a number of children complaining about boys and girls being allowed to run in races for which they are not eligible. It is a well-known fact that many children are over age, but the authorities do not seem to have any control over such matters. May I suggest that the school to which each child belongs be made to vouch for its pupils; and thus teach the little ones to tell the truth when they are young?

A PARENT.
Hongkong, April 20, 1915.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps orders issued to-day by Lieut. Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Joined.—The undermentioned, having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 1803 Private P. Bura to Scout Company. No. 1804 Sapper N. MacArthur to Engineer Company.

Transfer.—Pte. M. W. Bishop from Centre Section M. G. Co. to H.K.V.R., dated 20. 4. 15.

Parades.—Parades for Wednesday, 21st instant:—Right and Centre Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Co. under Officers on duty, 5.30 p.m., Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery Battery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 p.m. drill with males at Headquarters. Remainder, nil.

Detail.—Units on duty No. 2 Section Art. Batty, Right and Centre Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company. Officers on duty, Captain W. M. Scott and Lieutenant A. E. Wright. Orderly Officer, Lieut. A. E. Wright. Orderly Sergeant, W. Brown. To furnish Guard:—7 p.m. to-day to 7 a.m. to-morrow, Right Section M. G. Co.; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to-morrow, Civil Service Co.; 7 p.m. to-morrow to 7 a.m. 22nd inst., No. 2 Section Artillery Battery; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 22nd inst., Right Section M. G. Co.; 7 p.m. 22nd to 7 a.m. 23rd inst., Centre Section M. G. Co.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"Waterloo" and "Those Terrible Twins."

The Hawitt Phillips Company last night presented "Those Terrible Twins" and, as a curtain raiser, the well-known "Waterloo" sketch, popularised by the late Sir Henry Irving. In the latter, Mr. Howitt, as the Chelsea pensioner, was particularly successful and made the part (one, by the way, which it is quite easy to spoil) quite a pathetic without sacrifice of dignity.

In the farce which followed, Mr. Howitt gave yet a further proof of his remarkable versatility as the comic and much-enduring butler who is forever seeking to get his young employer out of scrapes. The employer in question (Mr. Jack Elagant) had once played a practical joke on a friend, whose retaliation took the form of sending telegrams announcing the arrival of a certain Mabel—and twins—the friend (Mr. Carl Lawson) disguising himself as the undesirable Mabel. The arrival of the telegrams—and that of the twins—more or less coincided with the coming to London of the victim's parents, and with the accepting of an invitation to lunch by two pretty actresses; complications were bound to ensue, especially in view of the fact that the young man's mother (Miss Godart) was a strong-minded lady of paritarian views. All these characters were extremely well sustained—indeed there were times when Miss Godart quite frightened us with her severity. Mr. Wheeler Dryden, too, as the henpecked husband of this lady, was most excellent, which term will also apply to Miss Lillian Stanbridge as the grotesque housekeeper, and to little Danor Phillips who made an ideal cheeky page. Miss Doris Phillips and Miss Ada Edney played prettily, and made the most of two small parts.

To-night the piece is "Diana of Dobson," with Miss Godart in the leading role.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

P. C. Matthews charged Capt. A. H. Stewart master of the s.s. Heiman, and two boatmen, before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning. The first defendant was charged with unlawfully moving his vessel in the harbour from buoy to wharf at 10.10 a.m., on the 18th inst., without the written permit of the Chief Examination Officer of the Colony. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

The second defendant Ng Kwai, the master of a passenger boat, was charged with unlawfully failing to stop his boat when called upon to do so by an officer of the Police, and with unlawfully being the outside boat of more than five cargo boats lying alongside the s.s. Laisang, thereby causing obstruction in the harbour on the 20th inst. Defendant was fined \$10 for both offences, while the third defendant, charged with the same offence, was also fined \$10.

Of Bombay University. Among the passengers by the s.s. Sardinia is Mr. L. F. Shreff, son of Mr. F. P. Shreff, of Messrs. S. J. David and Co. He holds the diploma of B. A. and B. E. of the Bombay University and is only 22 years of age.

Junk Capsizes. The master of a fishing junk reports that his craft was capsized in a squall at Ling Ting. The crew were rescued by other junks. His mother, daughters and sister were not rescued, to his knowledge. The junk was towed to harbour by a steam launch.

THE PRINZ EITEL.

HER ARRIVAL AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Chased by British Warships.

Newport News, Va., March 10.—An American ship, the William P. Frye, grain laden, was sunk on January 27 in the South Atlantic, by the German auxiliary cruiser, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which put in here to-day. Her captain, his family, and crew were saved.

The Prinz Eitel Friedrich, one of the elusive German sea rovers which have been destroying commerce of the Allies on the high seas, arrived here to-day in need of coal and provisions. She also is said to be in need of repairs and may intern here. She has 200 men who composed the crews of hostile ships which were destroyed, and 150 passengers, including women and children, taken from vessels which were sunk. She slipped into port early to-day, eluding the British and French cruisers which are presumed to be along the coast.

Last night, after dark, the German ship appeared off Cape Henry, but did not enter until daylight, when she passed Quarantine and dropped anchor. All her officers preserved the strictest silence and her captain at once despatched a message to the German Embassy at Washington telling of his arrival and the condition of his ship.

Coast-Guard Ship Alongside. No sooner had the Prinz Eitel Friedrich anchored than the United States coast-guard ship, Onondaga went alongside to take up her watch to preserve the neutrality of the United States, until officials at Washington decide what shall be done with the cruiser.

Scarred by the red rust and salt of her months at sea, the German auxiliary was painted white on one side and black on the other. It was reported in marine circles that she had been chased to the three-mile limit by a British cruiser, but as the German captain had sealed the lips of his officers, it was not confirmed.

Marine circles were startled when the long, neat ship, formerly a North German Lloyd liner, steamed up the bay and into Hampton Roads, passing Quarantine and coming on to this port, where she anchored.

Request to be Repaired. Within an hour after the Prinz Eitel had arrived in Hampton Roads, a request was made to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, for information whether the concern could at once begin work on repairs. The shipbuilding company immediately communicated the request to the Navy Department at Washington, and asked whether the United States would have any objection.

Rear-Admiral Beatty, commanding the Norfolk navy yard, after reporting the arrival of the German cruiser, received instructions from Secretary Daniels to make an investigation and send him a full report.

Rudolph Schulz, representative of a Norfolk ship chandler, went alongside the Eitel Friedrich at Old Point. The commander of the cruiser made some inquiries of him, and indicated that he meant to go to the Newport News shipyard. The German captain said that there had been trouble with some of the machinery. He declined to say whether he would intern the vessel.

Mr. Schulz said he counted twelve guns, of about five-inch calibre, aboard the steamer, and that there were many persons aboard, including women and children.

Dr. H. W. McCafferty, Quarantine Officer at Old Point, who

visited the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, told of his trip to the German vessel.

"When I boarded the 'cruiser' this morning," said he, "I found all on board well and happy. The band was playing German national airs. The food supply was good, and there was a feeling of good fellowship among the people on the ship, many of whom were taken from destroyed merchant vessels.

"Among the prisoners were the captain of the American ship William P. Frye, of Baltimore, who, with his wife and son, was picked up by the Eitel after the Frye had been sunk.

"There were also a number of French people, who were passengers on the French liner Florida, sunk by the Germans off the coast of Brazil. The list of prisoners included also many English people, who were taken from vessels captured by the Eitel.

"The Eitel has a crew of 13 officers and 358 men, including six Chinese stewards. There are 323 prisoners, French, English, and others.

"All the prisoners will be given liberty in Newport News, but four, if they want to leave the Friedrich. Those four declined to sign papers that they would not take arms against Germany, and will be kept prisoners on that account.

"Three others will be detained. One has a wooden leg, another is suffering from tuberculosis, and the other is deaf. That will naturally force them to be classed as undesirable immigrants.

"The commander of the Eitel Friedrich told me that he stopped at Valparaiso, Chili, where he took on provisions, and also a few more prisoners, and discharged there some English and French prisoners. He has asked for permission from the authorities in Washington to be allowed to enter the shipyard at Newport News for repairs.

"Dr. Kinger Knoppek is the surgeon in charge of the cruiser, and every one on board was satisfied that they had received the kindest treatment from the officers of the vessel.

Narrow Escapes from Capture.

"The Prinz Eitel Friedrich left Tsingtau, China, on August 4, and made only one stop, at Valparaiso, since that time, having on several occasions narrowly escaped capture.

"A queer thing is that the British steamer Daleham, with Capt. Taggart, bound for Newport News for horses, also came into Hampton Roads this morning. Capt. Taggart said he was a prisoner on the Prinz Eitel Friedrich five months ago, after having been captured off the Chilean coast. I was impressed with the good appearance of the men and women on the cruiser."

Likely to be Interned.

Newport News, Va., March 11.—The story of the sinking of the American sailing-ship William P. Frye, by the German commerce destroyer, Prinz Eitel Friedrich—undoubtedly the most serious incident of the war in its concern to the United States—was being slowly unravelled here to-day.

The Prinz Eitel lay at anchor and her commander had received from the port authorities the usual notice to leave within twenty-four hours. That, however, was a mere formality required by law, for, after seven months of sea roving, in which she sent eleven prizes to the bottom, the German auxiliary cruiser needs repairs, which will take weeks.

The Neutrality Board at Washington, it was learned, had recommended that the repairs be allowed under supervision of an American naval officer. Whether the commander of the Prinz Eitel will choose to make them and then risk a dash through the British cruisers gathering off the Virginia Capes, is a question for the future.

Prisoners Still Aboard.

The Prinz Eitel's band played German national airs to-day, in celebration of Commander Thier-

chens's birthday, her 300 prisoners of several nationalities were gathered at the rails, and her German crew was cleaning ship, while the American port officials made hurried visits from the customs house to the liner for conferences with Commander Thierichens and his officers, and held telephone communications with Washington about the neutrality questions involved, the diplomatic aspects of the sinking of the Frye, and the disposition of the prisoners on the cruiser.

The captains of eight of the Eitel's prizes were permitted to go ashore, and they complained that they were not permitted to take their crews with them. Commander Thierichens would not consent to their departure, and neither would he give up the ship's papers or the prizes he had taken. He contended that they should go to the prize courts in Germany. Officials pointed out, however, that if the Eitel decided to intern, the problem of the release of her prisoners would solve itself, and only the German crew of the Eitel would be interned by the United States.

The German commander seems to feel he was acting within his rights when he jettisoned some of the wheat cargo of the Frye, and then sent the ship to the bottom. Capt. Kiehne, of the Frye, however, says that his wheat was consigned to Queenstown, that he does not know to whom it belonged, and that it was not contraband of war. He could not do otherwise than submit to the destruction of his ship, and has no complaint to make of the treatment of himself, his family, and crew after he was taken aboard the Prinz Eitel.

Eleven Vessels Reported Sunk.

In addition to the list of eight prizes, all sunk in the Atlantic by the Prinz Eitel, which Commander Thierichens gave last night to Collector Hamilton, it was said here to-day that three more vessels had been sunk in the Pacific by the German raider on her voyages, but their crews had been landed at other ports and they were, therefore, not mentioned in the list last night.

Heading the list of the other three is the British steamer Charcas, which is said to have been sunk by the Eitel in the south Pacific in December. She was on her way from Valparaiso to New York to take American registry. The British bark Kildation, from Liverpool to Callao, is also said to have been sunk and her crew landed on Easter Island. The French bark Jean, with 3,000 tons of coal, is said to have been taken to Easter Island, and after her cargo had been transferred to the Prinz Eitel, was sunk by bomb.

Officers of the Eitel Friedrich remain stolidly silent as to the operations of the ship in Pacific waters, except to deny that she took part in any naval engagement. It was reported, however, that she also sank the British steamer Schorgast in the Pacific, and that she took coal from the French ship Jean, sunk off Valparaiso, Chili.

It was stated here to-day that several Englishmen held on board the German warship had refused to agree not to bear arms against Germany and her Allies.

At nine o'clock this morning the Eitel Friedrich had been in Hampton Roads thirty-six hours, and no signs of any intention to move were apparent. British cruisers were vaguely reported lurking off the Virginia Capes, and a boatman who delivered papers to officers of the cruiser declared that some of her crew had told him the Eitel actually had been chased into American waters by British cruisers.

That at least three British warships were in pursuit of the Eitel Friedrich when she reached American waters early yesterday morning has been established. To the officer of one of the sunken British ships on board, the com-

HISTORICAL PARALLELS.

Great Britain's Credit, in the Napoleonic Wars and Now.

"During the series of great Napoleonic wars, from 1793 to 1815," writes a correspondent of a London newspaper, "which cost the United Kingdom eight hundred and thirty-one millions sterling, it is true there was a great depreciation for the time being in British credits as a consequence of the enormous war loans issued during this period. But the conditions on the present occasion are entirely different, and no parallel can be drawn with those ruling a hundred years ago.

"It is inconceivable that the present war can last for several years. The population of the United Kingdom is now about three times as great as it was at the commencement of the nineteenth century; the national accumulated wealth is certainly ten times as great as it was at that time, and of this wealth at least four thousand millions is invested abroad, and the interest thereon reaches the United Kingdom in the form of imports of foodstuffs and raw materials.

"The quick rise in Government credit, after the great wars of a century ago terminated, and until the year 1835, explains why the great conversion schemes of 1822, 1824, and 1830, all of which involved a material reduction in the rate of interest, passed off so successfully. After 1835, for a period of about forty years, the credit of the nation, as represented by the yield on Consols, then became almost stationary, at about 3½ per cent. The most important inference, therefore, to be drawn from the above table is that all loans issued during the present war should bear early dates of redemption, thus permitting of conversion to lower rates of interest when warranted by the state of Government credit.

"It is not to be inferred from the foregoing table that, because during the Napoleonic wars British credit depreciated so rapidly, and because Consols gave the abnormally high average yield of 25s. 4d. for the quinquennium 1795-1799, therefore a considerable temporary fall in price can, for this reason alone, be predicted during the present conflagration. As we have already stated, the economic conditions are now entirely different from those ruling a hundred years ago. There appears to be no reason to think that the terms of issue to the subscribers of any further loans necessitated by the present war, provided the loans issued at one time are not of too large amount, will have to be very much less favourable to the Government than those governing the recent issue."

Dead to Germany.

Mr. Edmund Gosse, writing to the Morning Post, says:—"From a person who has just returned from Gottingen I learn that in a prominent building of that University town there has for years past hung a large portrait of Lord Haldane in a handsome frame. The picture hangs there still, but the frame is draped in crape, and right across the portrait are painted the words, 'Dead to Germany.'"

mander of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich stated that, judging from wireless interchanges of the British ships, one was within ten miles, the other within thirty or forty, and the third within fifty miles of his ship when he reached the three-mile limit off the Virginia Capes. —New York Evening Post.

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FINAL WINDING-UP MEETING.

The Toerangle Rubber Company Limited (in Liquidation).

A general meeting of the above-named Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, New Government Buildings, at noon to-day, at which were present Messrs. O. D. Wilkinson, A. R. Lowe, H. F. Hickman, A. Denison, E. J. Grist, W. G. Humphreys and H. Percy Smith.

Mr. E. A. M. Williams, the liquidator, having shown the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, the following ordinary resolution, proposed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, and seconded by Mr. A. Denison, was carried:—"That the accounts submitted to this meeting and showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, be received and adopted."

The following extraordinary resolution, proposed by Mr. E. J. Grist, seconded by Mr. H. F. Hickman, was carried:—"That the books, accounts and documents of the Company and of the liquidator thereof, be handed over to the Toerangle (Sumatra) Rubber and Produce Estates Limited."

This was all the business.

Public Dispensary.

As we go to press an account of the opening of the Sham-sui-po Chinese Public Dispensary, which took place on the 12th inst., reaches us. His Excellency the Governor performed the ceremony and was thanked by Mr. Li Ping. A full account of the proceedings will appear to-morrow.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 27th April, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1915.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA-BORNEO Co., Ltd.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twelfth Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the above company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building at Noon, on Friday, the 30th April, 1915, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1914 and the Report of the General Manager and to elect a Consulting Committee and an Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th April to the 30th April, both days inclusive.
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in respect of all Season Tickets available for three months issued on and after 1st May next the respective prices will be as follows:—

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and that the price of servants' punch tickets available for 20 rides will be \$1.20.

Season tickets expiring in April can be extended to April 30th on same terms pro rata as now in force but no three monthly Season Tickets and no annual tickets will be issued in April.

Notice is further given that on and after 1st May next daily return tickets and Annual tickets will be abolished.

By order of the Directors,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1915.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK Co., Ltd.

The share certificates Nos. 2410/2411 for 10 and 25 shares respectively, numbered 12739/12740 and 35858/35859 inclusive, standing in the register in the joint names of George Andrew Hastings and John Barham Carlisle, solicitors, Liverpool and Birmingham, having been lost or destroyed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said certificates be produced at the office of the Company Queen's Buildings, Victoria Hongkong, before the 24th April, 1915, new certificates for the said shares will be issued and the old certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 24th March 1915.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Friday, the 23rd April, 1915, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1914, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The Transfer Books of the Society will be closed from 13th April to the 23rd April both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 9th April, 1915.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company will be held at its Head Office No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Friday, the 23rd April, 1915, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1914, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April to 23rd April both days inclusive.
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BUTCHER MEAT

Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut—	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Blalock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
corned—Ham Ngau Li	lb.	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	14
Heart—Ngau Sum	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	lb.	11
Tail—Ngau Moi	lb.	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves Head & Feet—Ngau Tsai-tau-keuk	set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Poi Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Yeung Poi	lb.	25
Shoulder—Yeung Shau	lb.	24
Saddle—	lb.	27
Pigs Chittlings—Chu Ohong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	16
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	23
Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	28
Leg—Chu Pei	lb.	20
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	12
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	lb.	26
Liver—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sacking Pigs to order—Chu Tsai	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	lb.	20
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau	lb.	26
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Tsai	lb.	35
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Fan Kau	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)—	per doz	36
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hoihow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Snipe—Sha Tsui	each	22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	16
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hai	lb.	28
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	lb.	18
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tit To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupa—Shek Pan	lb.	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	28
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	18
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tau Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pan Fong	lb.	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Ohong	lb.	28
Pomfret, White—Pak Ohong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rook Fish—Shek Kau Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Soles—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	16
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Hang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
(Chefoo)—Fie Chan Ping Kho	lb.	18

肉食

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heung Chiu lb.	3
(brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	3
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	12
Carambola—Yeung To	12
Coconuts—Ye. Tee	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tsz	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	8
America—Kam Shan Ling Mung	10
Lichests Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	28
Fresh	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	5
Sweet	8
Pears, (American), Kam San Shoot Lay	10
(Canton), Cooks—Sha Li	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	10
Plantain—Tai Chiu	10
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	14
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwai	15
Walnuts—Hop To	15
Green—Sang Hop Tuo	15
Water Melon—(Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Cheuk	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hai Pin	lb.	8
Sprout—Ah Choi	lb.	8
Long—Tau Kok	lb.	10
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	8
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa	lb.	8
Red—Hung Ke	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Ka—Taoi	lb.	10
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shan	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	lb.	25
Chillies Dried—Kun Lap Chiu	lb.	10
Red—Hung Fa Chiu	lb.	8
Green—Ching Lap Chiu	lb.	10
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chu Liu	lb.	2
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	lb.	8
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	lb.	9
old—Lo Keung	lb.	12
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	each	1
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	lb.	1
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai	lb.	6
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	35
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko	each	1
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	1
Okraes	lb.	8
Onions Bombay—Yeung Ohong Tan	lb.	8
Green—Shang Ohong	lb.	7
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ohong Tan	lb.	8
Parsley—Kun Tsai	lb.	3
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb.	3
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	lb.	3
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tau	lb.	3
Japan—Yat Pan Shu Tsai	lb.	3
American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	lb.	3
Poochow—Foo-chow Shu Tsai	lb.	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	5
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	lb.	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	5
Sage—Tse So	lb.	5
Shallots—Kon Chung Tau	lb.	5
Spinach—Yin Tsai	lb.	6
Tomatoes—Fan Ke	lb.	6
Taro—Wu Tau	lb.	6
Turnips, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	lb.	4
(American)—Kam-san bit Kwa	lb.	12
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsai	lb.	6
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
Yams—Ta Shu	lb.	6
English—Yeung Kan Choi	lb.	1

海鮮

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—	
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	\$4.50
per lb.,	10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	4.00
per lb.,	08
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	3.50
per lb.,	0
2. Tinned Milk:—	
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.),	25</

Commercial.

The Meaning of "Bank."

More than once we have protested in the interests of the public, the investor, and the ordinary bank, says the *Economist*, against the use of the word "bank" by persons who are not carrying on a bona fide banking business. A particularly flagrant and dangerous instance of this abuse was disclosed by a case tried in the High Court in London, recently. The case was an action for libel against the *Financial World*, brought by a Mr. Todd. The plaintiff, according to his counsel's opening statement, had been "hammered" on the Stock Exchange, and then, after carrying on various businesses in the City, was made bankrupt in 1905. His discharge was suspended for two years, because, as Mr. Bristow, K.C., put it, his assets were not equal to 10s. in the £. This is certainly true, since it transpired in a cross-examination that a first and final dividend of 2 1/2% was paid. Finally, in 1913, Mr. Todd "conceived the idea of starting a bank for traders who could only open accounts with small sums of money"—i.e., the John Bull Bank—and he deposited "securities to the extent of over £20,000 with a well-known bank." Under cross-examination, it appeared that Mr. Todd registered himself as a moneylender four days after his discharge, relinquished that registration at midnight on June 30, and the following day carried on business as a bank. Only a small part of the £20,000 belonged to Mr. Todd, the rest being the property of his wife and children. He denied being a moneylender, but his "bank" lent money at the rate of 2s. per day per £100, on unsecured loans, which works out at 30 1/2 per cent. per annum, and sometimes the "bank" charged 50 per cent. for discounting cheques. The jury found a verdict for the *Financial World*, and Mr. Justice Darling spoke sharply about the misuse of the term "bank," and the carelessness of Parliament. The Legislature, he said, had very properly interfered with moneylenders in a great many ways, and now it ought to interfere again, and say that people "should not be allowed to call themselves banks without possessing such qualifications as were understood to apply to joint-stock banks." At present the law permits anyone to call himself a "bank," open an office, lend money, and take money on deposit.

The Cotton Trade.

Mid-American prices are moving up gradually, the latest New York quotation being 0.80 cents May and 10.40 cents October. The latest Liverpool quotation is 5.40d. May-June and 5.84d. April-May 1916. Cotton in Bombay is also firm, the recovery according to the latest reports being as much as 60 per cent. more than the lowest recent quotation. In sympathy with the general rise in values, local cotton prices have also moved up. Practically nothing is doing in all the yarn markets. Very little change is reported in the piece goods trade. At the auctions quantities were slightly reduced, and prices on the whole were on a higher level than last week.

Philippine Sugar Growers ask for Government Aid.

Iloilo, April 6.—The assistance of the press is urged by local businessmen to induce the governor general to take immediate steps for the relief of the sugar situation. Sugar valued at many millions of pesos is at stake. One hundred thousand piculs are now on the haciendas of the sugar district, and all the store-houses are crowded. It is useless to apply to the agricultural bank, and unless immediate relief is extended enormous losses will surely be entailed. Locally, only limited assistance can be given. Hesitation or procrastination in extending aid to the sugar growers will mean a great loss to the country. The Iloilo board of trade is actively urging the government to help out in the situation—*Manila Bulletin*.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS. FA.—SALES. B.—BUYERS. N.—NOMINAL.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914. Highest	1914. Lowest	1915. Highest 9th Apr. to now	1915. Lowest 9th Apr. to now	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800 a. £76/-	120,000	\$125	all	855 July.	700 Oct.	800	800	{£2 3/- & 5/- bonus at ex 1/9/14 equal to \$27.27 for 1/2 year ending 31/12/14
Marine Insurances.									
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	370 b.	10,000	\$250	50	350 Dec.	305 Oct.	370	365	{Final of \$3 a/c 1912. Interim of \$18 a/c 1913.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	180 b.	10,000	\$15	£3	145 May	133 Jan.	180	175	{Final of 1913 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1913
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	910	12,400	\$250	100	847 1/2 April	700 Oct.	\$910	\$910	{Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1912 and Interim of \$30 for 1913
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$224	12,000	\$100	60	20 April	192 1/2 Jan.	224	224	{Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurances.									
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$130 s.	20,000	\$100	20	160 July	140 Oct.	130	130	\$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$380 b.	5,000	\$250	50	395 Feb.	368 April	380	380	\$27 for 1913
Shipping.									
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$514 s.	30,000	\$25	all	10 Jan.	5 1/2 Dec.	5 1/2	5 1/2	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$364 b.	20,000	\$50	all	35 Mar.	27 1/2 Nov.	36 1/2	36 1/2	{Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts for year ending 31/12/14
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	22 1/2	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/4 Jan.	22 Dec.	22 1/2	22 1/2	{Final of 3 1/2 making 6 1/2 on preferred shares & 5 on deferred shares for year 1913
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$96 b.	{60,000 £5 }	all		79 Jan.	50 Sept.	96	94	{Interim of 1 1/2 a/c 1914 C.No. 23
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$91/6 s.	3,797,610	£1	all	106/- Feb.	70/- Sept.	91/6	91/6	{£1.70 per share and bonus of 30 cents per share for year ending 30/4/14
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$36 s.	40,000	\$10	all	49 Mar.	40 Nov.	36	36	
Refineries.									
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$112 s.	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2 Feb.	70 Nov.	112	112	\$3 for 1912
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$28 s.	7,000	\$100	all	31 Jan.	17 Dec.	28	28	\$3 for 1897
Mining.									
Kailan Mining Admin'n.	33/6 s.	1,000,000	£1	all	41/- Feb.	33/6 Dec.	35/-	33/6	{Final of 5 % Coupon No. 4. making 10 % for year ending 30/6/14
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$3 s.	200,000	£1	all	31/0 Jan.	19/0 Nov.	3 1/2	3 1/2	1/2 for 1909
Tromps Mines Ltd.	\$2/5 s.	160,000	£1	all	39/- Feb.	19/6 Nov.	32/6	32/6	1/- mak. 7/6 a/c. 1913
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.									
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$66 s.	60,000	\$50	all	89 Jan.	73 Nov.	66	66	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W'p'ed Co., Ltd.	\$57 s.	50,000	\$50	all	77 Jan.	53 Oct.	57 1/2	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	\$53 s.	56,700	£100	all	60 July	50 Dec.	53	53	Tls. 5 for 1913
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	\$5 s.	36,000	£100	all	109 Jan.	82 1/2 Dec.	85	85	Tls. 5 for 1914
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.									
Anglo-French Lands	\$194 s.	13,000	£100	100	128 July	120 Dec.	118	118	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$118 s.	20,000	\$50	50	128 July	120 Dec.	118	118	{£2.50 for half year ending 31/12/14
H'kong Land Investment Co.	\$110 s.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2 July	98 Nov.	110	110	\$3 1/2 for year ending 31/12/14
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$7 s.	150,000	\$10	all	91 1/2 Jan.	7 Nov.	7	6 1/2	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$40 b.	6,000	\$50	£0	45 1/2 Jan.	44 Feb.	40	40	\$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	\$101 s.	78,000	£50	all	98 Dec.	89 Oct.	101	101	{Final of 6 p.c. making 12 p.c. for 1914
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$68 s.	12,500	\$50	all	73 June	66 Feb.	68 1/2	68 1/2	\$2.25 for half year ending 31.12.14
H'kong Central Estates	\$95 b.	10,000	\$100	all	—	—	95	95	\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	\$136 s.	20,000	£50	all	138 July	125 May	136	135	Tls. 12 for year ending 31/10/14
Hongkong Cotton Co.	\$61 b.	125,000	\$10	all	83 1/2 Mar.	7 June	63 1/2	63 1/2	50 cents 31/7/08
Kung Yik	\$124 s.	75,000	£10	all	144 Jan.	11 Mar.	124 1/2	124 1/2	Tls. 120 for year ending 30/11/14
Laou Kung Mow	\$5 b.	8,000	£100	all	110 Feb.	70 May	85	85	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	\$91 b.	40,000	£50	all	135 Feb.	70 Nov.	91	88 1/2	{Div. Tls. 6. Bonus Tls. 4. Extra. Bonus Tls. 1, year end 30/6/14
Miscellaneous.									
China Porcel Company, Ltd.	\$11 s.	60,000	\$10	all	12 May	10 Dec.	11	11	\$1.20 for 1913
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$41 b.	70,000	\$5	all	4.80 July	4 April	4 1/4	4	5% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)	—	50,000	\$5	all	—	—	—	—	—
China Prov't. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$74 b.	15,000	\$10	all	9 Jan.	7 Nov.	7 1/2	7 1/2	70 cts. for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$24 s.	40,000	\$7 1/2	6	39 June	35 Aug.	34	34	\$1.50 for year ending 31/7/14
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$6 s.	400,000	\$10	all	6.50 Jan.	5 Dec.	6 1/2	6 1/2	50 cts. for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$41 b.	6,000	£10	all	49 Jan.	38 Nov.	40	40	\$1.80 per share for 1913
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$184 s.	6,000	\$25	all	217 1/2 July	174 Dec.	184	184	{Final of \$6 mak. \$8 1/2 for 1914
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$264 b.	60,000	\$10	all	25 June	22 Apr.	26 1/2	26 1/2	{Final of \$1 making \$2 for 1914
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$5.05 b.	325,000	5/-	all	13/- July	7/- Feb.	5.10	5	{Final div. of 6d. making 7 1/2 p.c. for 1913
Langkats	\$37 b.	250,000	£10	all	64 1/2 Mar.	28 Dec.	57 1/2	36	{Interim of T. 1 making T. 2 a/c 1913
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10 s.	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2 Jan.	9 1/2 June	10	10	{80 cts. on fully paid shares and 8 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.14
Do (New)	\$1 s.	6,000	\$10	all	93 cts. Jan.	75 cts. Dec.	81	81	\$1.50 for 1910.
Philippines Ltd.	\$5 b.	75,000	\$10	all	—	—	5	5	None
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$5 s.	12,000	\$10	all	—	—	5	5	None
Societes Puyres et Papiereries du Tonkin	\$29 s.	13,200	\$50	all	—	—	20	20	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$334 s.	20,000	\$5	all	5.00 June	4 Nov.	3 1/2	3 1/2	35 cts. for year ending 31/5/14
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$17 b.	27,723	\$10	all	22 1/2 Feb.	17 Jan.	17 1/2	17	{£1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$7 s.	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2 April	6.90 Dec.	7	7	70 cts. for 1913
William Powell, Limited.	\$6 1/2 s.	21,000	\$7	all	9 1/2 Jan.	6 1/2 Dec.	6 1/2	6 1/2	{50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	\$29 b.	6,000	\$25	all	230 June	92 Dec.	29	29	\$1. Interim a/c year 31.8.14

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EXCHANGE.

20th April.

Selling.	Demand India	136 1/4	T/T France	2.30	6 m/s. France	2.46
T/T	T/T Bombay	—	Demand Paris	2.30 1/2	Gold Leaf per tael	\$56.00
Demand	Demand Bombay	136 1/4	On Haiphong	7 1/2 % prem	Sovereign	\$10.80 nom.
30 d/s	T/T Calcutta	—	On Saigon	7	Bar Silver, ready	23 3/4
60 d/s	Demand Calcutta	136 1/4	On Bangkok	85	forward	—
4 m/s	Demand Manila	89 1/4	Buying.	—	—	—
T/T Shanghai	T/T San Fco & N.Y.	43 1/2	4 m/s. L/C	1.10 1/2	SUBSIDIARY COINS.	—
Private 30 d/s sight	Demand, New York	43 1/2	4 m/s. D.P.	1.10 1/2	Discount per \$100:	—
T/T Singapore	T/T Java	110 1/2	6 m/s. L/C	1.10 1/2	Chinese	20 cts. pieces
T/T Japan	T/T Marks	Nom.	30 d/s. Sney & M.	1.10 1/2	Chinese	20 cts. pieces
T/T India	Demand Germany	—	30 d/s. San Fco & N.Y.	45 1/8	Hongkong	20 cts. pieces
			4 m/s. Marks	Nom.	Hongkong	10
			4 m/s. France	2.41		

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N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd Oct. 1914.

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EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1915.

NOTICES.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1908.

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SPORTING GOSSIP.

Germany Wants Olympic Games Next Year!

(From our Special Correspondent)
London, March 12.

The amazing request has come from Germany for the Olympic Games to be held in Berlin in 1916 as originally arranged, with the stipulation that only athletes of neutral countries and Germany's allies should be allowed to compete. This proposal has been seriously put forward and much irritation has been caused by the action of Baron de Pierre Comberton, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, in taking upon himself the organization of the next Olympiad. Germany has protested that "it is out of the power of the International Committee to rob us of the right of promoting the Games during the course of the war," but despite this the conduct of the Festival has been transferred to America, who will select the city in which the sports take place. All the events voted at the conference in Paris a year ago will be held in America, but they will not be counted as regular Olympic Games and any records will not be certified officially. It had been taken for granted that the Games of 1916 would be abandoned and these fresh arrangements are a surprise to British athletes. The wisdom of their change of plans will depend on the length of the war, and in any case no support can be expected from England. France, too, does not concur in the removal of the Olympiad to America and the National Committee of French Sports has passed the following resolution:—

"We believe that when the time comes to discuss the date and place of the next Olympic Games the International Board would honour itself in offering to noble Belgium, and particularly to the City of Antwerp, the organization of the next Olympiad. That would be an act of universal recognition as well as of friendly reparation; an unanimous decision of all the nations, particularly of the neutral ones, to the nation whose heroism gains respect of all, and whose martyrdom entitled her to all the honours."

France further suggests that in the event of Belgium not being in a position to undertake the work of organization, the Games should be given to Switzerland as the oldest of the neutral countries.

Harry Vardon Going on the Stage.

There are indications of golf returning to favour. To some extent this is due to the milder weather and also to the growing feeling of optimism with respect to the war. Golfers did not cease playing because it was not "the thing" to go out on to the links and enjoy themselves; they stopped because they had not the heart to play. As George Duncan put it to the writer, the majority of golfers are above the military age and could not go to the front even if they wished to. Yet even these stopped playing and courses have been deserted. Golf is not likely to take up its old position during the summer but a good deal of it will be played. The outlook is still very discouraging from the professional's point of view. At the present time he cannot make a living wage and with everyone continuing to keep his money in his pocket, as Duncan put it, a return to the old prosperous times is not as yet to be hoped for. As was suggested would be the case, some of the leading professionals are going to America in the hope of cutting their losses. Vardon and Ray have already arranged to pay a return visit and will take part in the national championship. I understand that it is likely that Duncan and Braid will also make a tour. Duncan visited America four summers ago but his fellow Scotsman has up to now resisted every inducement to engage in a tour. An interesting proposal has been made to Vardon. This is to take part in a Music Hall sketch. The engagement offered is for twelve weeks at a salary of \$100 a week. On his first visit to the States some years ago the champion gave hourly exhibitions in the windows of a big dry goods

store, and he is prepared to go on the stage if he can arrange for the engagement to start after the championship. There is an additional incentive for British professionals to invade America. They are still very sore about the victory of Francis Ouimet two years ago, when the success of either Vardon or Ray appeared certain, and there is a general feeling that there is something to be gained for. These American tours are very profitable. Vardon and Ray received as much as £70 for an exhibition match. In addition some munificent supporter of the game has often been good enough to pay the expenses of the men.

Luman on his Tour.

Melbourne Luman, the British champion, has just returned from his tour in Canada and America, where he has been taking part in both English and American billiards. He is well pleased with his visit, though he did not succeed in beating Hoppe, the American champion, at his own game. Indeed, it is quite likely that he will return next autumn as he has had an excellent offer made to him. The American pocketless table was naturally a big handicap to Luman, but, as he says, they provided very useful experience, and he has learnt a good deal in cannon play. The English champion is one of the best tacticians the game has produced, but he admits that he could hardly leave the balls safe for Hoppe. "No matter how you left them he would score from the position. I tried ways of placing them, which in English billiards would always be safe, but Hoppe generally brought off the shot." Luman paid special attention to the mass stroke while he was away, and difficult cannons off the cashion now come much easier to him than they did. In fact the many problems which the American game presents have afforded him excellent practice, and he feels sure the tour has been a benefit to him. He made no particularly big break whilst away, but most of his matches were short ones. His highest was 320, of which 200 odd were off the red ball. Whether he goes to America or not next season he will defend his title of champion at home if the championship is played for. He would have returned in time to take part in the competition this year if it had taken place.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 15th, 1915.

Great Northern Telegraph Company, Ltd.

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Huanan, Amoy.

Keeshing, Kobe.

Hsinfat, Shanghai.

R. BLACK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 16th, 1915.

Great Freight Rise.

Christiana, March 12.—The Norwegian Government yesterday bought the steamer Bruse belonging to the Olsen Line for 700,000 kroner (about £40,000). This vessel will be used for trading in coal between England and Norway. She will leave next month with ballast for England. The question of buying other ships is under consideration, but so far no decision has been reached. According to M. Plateu, Director-General of the State Railways, these consume from 150,000 to 200,000 tons of coal yearly. A rise in the rate of freight of only 1s. per ton consequently means an increase in the expenditure of about 200,000 kroner (£12,000). Freight have, however, not gone up merely 1s., but about 2s. or 2s. 6d., and the Norwegian State Railways will, therefore, try to carry coal from England on board their own ships.

POST OFFICE.

Until further notice Letters, Boxes or Parcels for Belgium, Brazil, Crete, Montenegro or Malta can be accepted for insurance.

The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Telingau.

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MAILS DUE.

Australia, Talyuan, 21st inst.
Europe, Nera, 21st inst.
America, Mongolia, 22nd inst.
Europe, Bardiala, 22nd inst.
Europe, Malta, 22nd inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Haiphong—Per DAIGI MARU, 21st inst. 9 a.m.

Japan via MOJI—Per EASTERN, 21st inst. 9 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TITAROM, 21st inst. 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per CHINHUA, 21st inst. 11 p.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 21st inst. noon.

Shanghai, & N. China Japan via Kobe—Per NIKKO, 21st inst. 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Tuesday 27th inst.)

THURSDAY, 22nd April.

Saloon—Per KANSU, 22nd inst. 11 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per LAI-SANG, 22nd inst. 2 p.m.

Shanghai, & N. China—Per YINGHONG, 22nd inst. 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 23rd April.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday, 22nd April, at 5 p.m.—Per MALTA, 23rd inst. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-YANG, 23rd noon.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, N. America, & United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia)—Per TACOMA MARU, 23rd April, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Yokohama—Per KUMSANG, 23rd inst. 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 24th April.

Philippine Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 24th April, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per CHENAN, 24th April, 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 28th inst.)

SUNDAY, 25th April.

Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui—Per KAIYO M., 25th inst. 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 25th inst. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 26th April.

Philippine Islands, Japan, via Nagasaki, Honolulu, U. States, South America, and Canada, via San Francisco, & U. Kingdom via Canada—Per NIPPON MARU, 26th inst. 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 27th April.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per ANHUI, 27th inst. 3 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, the 1st May.)

Manila—Per TAMING, 27th April 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 27th inst. noon.

SATURDAY, 1st May.

Saloon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, & Europe.—Per S. SIMONS, 1st May, 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Titarom, Dut. s.s. 3637, La Rooy, 19th inst.—Kobe, 13th inst. General—J.C.S.L.

Fengtein, Br. s.s. 1473, A. Harris, 19th inst.—18th inst. Ballast—B. & S.

Shinko Maru, Jap. s.s. 1936, T. Okuda, 19th inst.—Java, 9th inst. Sugar—M.E.K.

Suyehiro Maru, Jap. s.s. 1069, T. Yawata, 19th inst.—Kobe, 16th inst. General—Nikko & Co.

Chungking, Br. s.s. 1011, R. Lewis, 19th inst.—Swatow, 14th inst. Gen.—B. & S.

Santana, Br. s.s. 3353, J. W. Robertson, 19th inst.—Singapore, 15th inst. General—D. S. Co.

Bearnes, Br. s.s. 3066, A. Wallace, 20th inst.—Singapore, 14th inst. Gen.—order.

Kelohing, Br. s.s. 1267, W. C. Passmore, 20th inst.—Swatow, 19th inst. General—D. L. & Co.

Leongang, Br. s.s. 1692, Leank, 20th inst.—Manila, 17th inst. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Luchow, Br. s.s. 1221, Davies, 20th inst.—Canton, Gen.—B. & S.

Fushimi Maru, Jap. s.s. 6372, T. Iizawa, 20th inst.—London, General—N.Y.K.

Kansu, Br. s.s. 1143, Monkman, 20th inst.—Shanghai, 16th inst. General—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

April 19.

Kanchow for Shanghai

Haiching for Swatow

Dalini Maru for Tamsui via Swatow

Sungking for Haiphong

Chien Maru for Hongkong

Chongking for Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei

Fausang for Saigon

Darya Maru for Wakamatsu via Tayoh

Empire for Melbourne via Tishor

Yingchow for Canton

Prometheus for Bangkok

Choyang for Shanghai via Swatow

Wenchow for Haiphong via Hobei

Kulchow for Tientsin via Wei Hai Wei

Atrous for Liverpool via Singapore

Kungping for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 19.

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Dalini Maru for Wakamatsu

Chongking for Bangkok

Hongkong for Haiphong via K. O. War

April 20.

Elger for Canton

Luchow for Shanghai

Itola for Calcutta via Singapore

Kansu for Canton

Santana for San Francisco

Kwongang for Saigon

Dalini Maru for Haiphong

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Santia from Calcutta—Mr and Mrs Choo Liu & Mr Mehta.

For N.Y.K. s.s. Fushimi Maru, from London March 13.—Miss Duoio, Miss Pettit, Mr and Mrs A. W. Heron and two children, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Hall, Mr J. Multhead, Mr G. Hall, Mr & Mrs Souza, de Macedo, Mrs Joseph and Mr Connolly.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. Nagoya, from London, March 20.—Mr D. Mayr, Mrs Hunter, Mr & Mrs A. R. Taylor and 2 children, Mr and Mrs Plesse and child, Mr S. Logan, Mr H. B. Phillips, Mr M. Murphy, Mr Rayner, Mr N. Kenally, Mr M. Costello, Mrs J. Cooke & party, Mr E. J. Post & Mr N. P. Johnson.

Per P. & O. s.s. Moctian, from London March 20.—Mr J. G. Oswald, Mr A. E. Martin, Mr and Mrs F. O. Kell, Miss Orr & Mr J. Hooper.

Per P. & O. s.s. Egypt, from London April 17.—Mr A. H. Compton and Mr J. Poulson.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. Katori Maru, from London April 10.—Mr W. A. Sloan and Mr J. Sloan.

WEDNESDAY, 5th May.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin, and New Guinea.

Thursdays Is.—Per TAI-YUEN, 5th May, 11 a.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On 20th at 11.10—Pressure has decreased slightly over Japan and the South Sea, increased moderately at all other stations. The anticyclone has spread southward over China and moderated somewhat over Eastern Japan.

Areas of relatively low pressure are situated to the south of Japan and over Siam.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.02 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair to cloudy.

2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lanchow. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

20th April, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

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